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SUMMARY

The "Times" states that the remarkable telegram of the German Emperor to an Austro-Hungarian Minister is intended as a sharp lesson to Italy.

That journal adds that the message's aspect of menace and reproof is most significant.

Austrian comment states that the malice in the telegram is clearly intended for Italy.

The message is disapproved by the German newspapers. One journal says that the Triple Alliance (Germany, Austria-Hungary, and Italy) has already gone to pieces.

German abstention from any official condolence or any assistance to sufferers from the eruptions of Vesuvius is much commented upon in Italy.

The abstention is attributed to the soreness of the German Emperor at the result of the Moroccan Conference.

The Emperor of Austria-Hungary gave £400 to the Vesuvius relief fund.

Another severe earthquake has occurred in Southern Formosa.

The topography of the country has been greatly changed. Ten persons have been killed and 29 injured.

It is feared there have been many deaths in outlying districts.

Thousands of people have been rendered homeless.

Vesuvius is again in eruption. Dense showers of ashes threatened to suffocate the residents of Ottajano, San Guiseppe, and Terzegno.

The fall of ashes is again mitigating. The latest panic was caused by awful darkness.

Ten persons were dug out alive from a cave at Ottajano, where ashes to a depth of 12ft had fallen.

The crew of the Portuguese ironclad Vasco da Gama mutinied at Lisbon.

The mutineers killed a lieutenant because he killed a sailor who was about to fire one of the ship's guns at the shore.

The crews of other vessels are concerned in the mutiny. Acts of insubordination occurred in several garrison towns.

Bambaata, the rebel chief, and his followers, have taken refuge in caves near Cetewayo's grave.

Six thousand loyal natives have been placed at the disposal of the Natal Government.

Horrible outrages are being committed by Bulgarian revolutionary bands in Macedonia.

A mother and two little children were forced to enter a burning building, and locked in until they were incinerated.

This atrocity was committed because the father had afforded hospitality to the head of a rival band.

By an accidental explosion during target practice, two lieutenants and six sailors of the United States battleship Kearsage were killed.

Fourteen men were severely injured.

Captain Cresswell, Commandant of the Australian Naval Forces, has visited the ship yards of the Tyne and the Clyde.

He has forwarded to the Commonwealth Minister for Defence specifications and estimates for four torpedo boat destroyers and four torpedo boats.

President Roosevelt, having favoured a progressive tax on the transfer of large fortunes, has been accused of advocating advanced socialism.

The Social Democratic Federation conference at Bradford has declined to affiliate with the Labour Representation Committee until the latter has accepted the principles of socialism.

The Easter festivities yesterday at Sydney and in the country were carried out successfully.

The weather in the metropolis was warm and humid.

The railway and tramway traffic was largely in excess of last year.

The attendance at the Randwick races was over 30,000, and formed a record.

The Sydney Cup resulted Noreen 1, Proceed 2, Boabdill 3. A protest against the winner for interference was dismissed.

Machine Gun won the Flying Handicap, Baerami the Maiden Stakes, Collarit the Champagne Stakes, Merry Jest the Steeplechase, and Banzai the First Nursery Race.

The attendance at the Sydney Show yesterday numbered 53,000, and the gate receipts were £1279, being £10 in excess of the takings last year.

The receipts to date are £400 above the amount taken on five days of last year.

A sensation was created at the Show by Countess, a competitor in the high jump, bolting, and trying to clear the fencing which is surmounted by a wire on the eastern side of the oval.

The animal was suspended on a wire in front of the closely-packed and spellbound crowd.

The suspension saved the terrified onlookers who were alongside the enclosure. The horse was soon freed and ridden away.

The Hunters' Contest resulted:—Messrs. Stroni Brothers' Sunlight, 1; Messrs. McIntosh and Grady's Bayfield, 2; Mr. H. D. Morton's Desmond, 3.

The high jump was won by Desmond, and the equestrienne awards were Mrs. Elliott, 1; Mrs. Stace, 2; Miss H. Cox, 3.

Mr. G. H. Reid delivered an address at Parkes last night. He referred to a number of points of public policy.

He stated that there must be some modification of the Braddon clause, to enable the Commonwealth to move more freely in financial matters.

An appeal was made to protectionists to join forces with Mr. Reid to combat socialism.

The mail coach from Bateman's Bay to Moruya capsized on Sunday through the horses going down a bank.

Five passengers and the driver were thrown out. One passenger was slightly hurt.

The tugboat Forster was destroyed by fire at Pulford on Sunday. The vessel was uninsured.

The first section of the Temora-Barellan railway as far as Ariah Park, 20 miles, will be completed in June.

The agreement drafted by the interstate conference regarding the Murray waters was approved by all the Ministers concerned.

Limitations were made for the use of the waters by New South Wales and Victoria, and the riparian rights of South Australia were fixed.

Provision was made for the appointment of a commission within three months of the passing by the Parliaments of the Act ratifying the agreement.

The Artillery Engineers and Submarine Miners were engaged yesterday in a tactical scheme, illustrating an attack on Sydney Heads and a successful defence.

New South Wales won the bowling match with the Queenslanders at Parramatta yesterday by 113 points to 71. The home team had a majority at each of the four rinks.

The R.M.S. Sierra, from San Francisco, arrived at Auckland yesterday.

The ship Falca, from Iquique to Sydney, called off Papeete, Tahiti, on March 24, requested medical help and provisions, as smallpox and typhoid fever had broken out on board.

The wind being contrary the vessel sailed away before assistance could be rendered.

A gig belonging to the warship Pegasus capsized at Wellington Harbour yesterday, and Bunker, one of the crew, was drowned.

A number of children who attended a picnic at Junee yesterday suffered from ptomaine poisoning, and 11 were admitted to the hospital.

In a cricket match at Goulburn yesterday Trumper obtained 182 runs. In 15 minutes he scored 50.

The New South Wales crew, which will take part in the eight-oar race at Perth, will leave Sydney by steamer Riverina tomorrow.

The 33rd annual session of the Grand Lodge of the International Order of Good Templars was opened at Sydney yesterday.

ENJOYMENT OR SPEECHES.

Mr. Joseph Chamberlain was the guest at a city banquet on an important occasion, the Mayor presiding.

Coffee was being served and cigars handed round, when the Mayor leaned over to Mr. Chamberlain and said:

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FOR MELBOURNE, GEELONG, PORTLAND, WARRNAMBOOL, KYARRA (Without transhipment.) WEDNESDAY, 1 p.m., April 25, and KANOWNA. WEDNESDAY, 1 p.m., May 9. Each 7000 Tons, Twin Screws, Ocean Cabins. Carrying FIRST and SECOND SALOON and STEERAGE PASSENGERS. Inspection Invited. Early application for berths necessary.
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MACKAY, BOWEN, TOWNSVILLE, LUCINDA, GERALDTON, MOURILYAN, CAIRNS, PORT DOUGLAS, COOKTOWN. WODONGA, THIS DAY, TUESDAY, 11 p.m., April 17. ARAWATTA, TUESDAY, 7 p.m., April 24. PILBARRA, THURSDAY, 5 p.m., April 19.
THURSDAY ISLAND, NORMANTON, BURKETOWN, NOUMEA, LAUTOKA, SUVA, LEVUKA, FIJI, ARAWATTA, TUESDAY, 7 p.m., April 24. (Transhipping at Brisbane.) PILBARRA, THURSDAY, 5 p.m., April 19.
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AGRICULTURAL SHOW.—A frequent service will be run to the Show Ground from Circular Quay and the Railway Institute, commencing at 8.40 a.m.
ASCOT PONY RACES.—A special service will be run to the Ascot Racecourse from Circular Quay, commencing at 12.56 p.m.
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THE SYDNEY MAIL.

ANOTHER RECORD SHOW NUMBER.
TO-MORROW, 18TH INST.

THE SYDNEY MAIL SHOW NUMBER of April 11—which we now report sold out—will be followed by another fine issue TO-MORROW, the 18th inst. The cover will be the usual one, but the contents will be without precedent in variety and interest. The issue will make a strong appeal to country people. Taken together with the Show Number of the previous week, the collection of pictures will form a fine testimonial on record of the resources of the State. Then, again, on April 25 there will be another collection of interesting pictures.

TWO NOTABLE CONTRIBUTIONS.

The central Illustration,—i.e., the one on the double page—will be partly in half-tone and partly in line, and will stand as an excellent example of the work in the Sydney Mail Art Staff. It will give a scene from the Dog Pavilion, and numerous general pen and ink "impressions." Douglas Fry, whose animal studies in the Sydney Mail from time to time have attracted much attention, will contribute a page drawing entitled "Quality in the Ring." The title takes its name from the parading before the judges of the prize winner, the champion horse, and that other beautiful specimen of horse flesh, Flavius. The two pictures mentioned are the most notable in the issue from an art point of view, but all that is possible in high-class photography will also be shown.

OTHER FEATURES.

The Magazine Section has been enlarged by 8 pages, and we are thus able to give due attention to striking Sporting pictures, as well as to blocks on many prominent exhibits. The prizes devoted to champion stock are complete, and therefore the position of our Show Number of the 11th inst will be able to make valuable comparisons between the champion stock of England and Australia. It is not generally realised that the Sydney Show is greater in many respects than the Royal Show in London. At the English Show the number of beasts reaches about 33,000 (i.e., for the whole Show), whereas on Friday last in Sydney the attendance was 60,000, and on Easter Monday, 1905, it was 70,000. These figures indicate the immensity of the Show, and it is a task of some magnitude for a newspaper to undertake to adequately present its features in illustrations. The Sydney Mail, however, is achieving that end, we believe, with some measure of success, and the issue this week will be one big link in the chain. The stock sections cannot be overestimated in their value to breeders, and elsewhere "Lana" and "Moira" write as practical experts concerning them.

FIRMS AND THEIR EXHIBITS.

Some firms may be disappointed at not seeing pictures of their exhibits. Owing to the great pressure on our space we have been compelled to postpone the publication of some interesting pictures taken by our photographic experts. Another reason is that we aim at giving the public a due proportion of general pictures, such as the drawings of Douglas Fry and Fred. Leist, in the issue under notice. Pictures held over will be published in our issue of the 25th inst, and will make such a large and interesting collection that readers and advertisers will be alike satisfied.

LIVERPOOL MILITARY CAMP.
THIS IS ILLUSTRATED IN THIS WEEK'S ISSUE.

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ON THE LAND.

FARM AND STATION.

THE CHOICE OF LIVE STOCK.

Some argument is raised from time to time as to which is the most profitable kind of domestic animal. Many stockbreeders are quite satisfied to favour those breeds which they believe to be best suited to the class of country they are working. Or, the other hand, men who grow enthusiastic concerning the virtues of a particular money-spinner, which they breed and grow to profit, are prone to discredit others. For instance, the dairy farmer who swears by the milking Shorthorn regards the beef Shorthorn as an animal which cumbers the earth for the greater part of its life because it yields only one return. The beef Shorthorn devotee in his turn will very likely dismiss all dairy breeds as being ill-formed from his point of view, and disposed to the lean habit, which is abhorrent to the man who loves to see his pastures quickly turned into fleshy covering on the frame of the animal. After all, the animals which may be regarded as the machinery through which the stockkeeper turns his raw material into cash are pretty sharply divided into two classes. The one is a regular producer, which at the expense of some labour produces a constant turnover on the capital invested; while the other is more in the nature of an investment, the profits on which steadily accumulate, and are realised in one lump. The dairy cow gives a return twice a day, and there can be no doubt that if the cost of drawing from the cow that return could be reduced to a minimum, she would far outstrip any other class of bovine as a profit-making machine. The steer or the heifer of a beef-breed on the other hand costs nothing but the food that it consumes, and a comparatively small outlay on attention while it is growing and fattening. Coming to small cattle, the sheep produces its annual return in the shape of wool, while the pig simply piles on pork until its doom is sealed by the knife in the bacon factory. This means of comparing the relative values of breeds does not take into consideration the ordinary increases, nor is it necessary to do so, because this is common to all.

In this country the question is becoming in a degree settled by the conditions under which cattle are fattened and marketed. It scarcely pays to feed cattle for beef only, and the result is that the richer and more valuable land is liable to be devoted to dairying, while the lower priced country is more apt to be used for breeding stock for fattening purposes. There is, however, another element to be considered. The dairy cow is essentially a small settler's animal, a condition which is forced by the necessity to employ considerable labour in milking the cattle and disposing of the product. In this respect the sheep holds relatively quite a different position. The labour in connection with the management of sheep and the securing of the return is less than that necessary for pig raising and fattening. After all, if a stockkeeper of wide experience, and an open mind, were asked to express an opinion as to which of all these useful servants of man a farmer should keep, he would probably say that as many should be carried as would suit the conditions under which the land was held and worked. In this he would follow the principle of the thoroughly sound agriculturist who does not depend on one crop when his land can be relied upon to produce several. Profits from live stock do not vary so considerably as those from crops, still there are considerable differences in the returns that may be expected. For instance, during the past three years, the ordinary flock sheep has probably been the most profitable of all domestic animals kept in Australia, while on the other hand the returns from dairy cattle have gone up and down considerably. Pigs have gone from high levels in the markets to very low prices, and back again to moderate values. Taking these experiences as a guide the man holding a farm on which both sheep and cows could be carried conveniently would have gained an advantage over the one who favoured the dairy animal alone. Pigs are absolutely necessary as an adjunct to dairy farming, while there is scarcely any kind of farm system into which the pig cannot be introduced with great advantage to the farmer. Fat cattle represent to the stockkeeper a medium for money-making, which may be regarded as something to be allowed to a large extent to go quietly on its own course, the holder simply taking his chance of occasional rises in the market, while keeping his stock up to a good standard of quality. Clearly the safest and quietest course to pursue is to keep the breeds of stock which in a sense go well together. Dairy farming and pig-keeping are most easily combined, but there is no reason why a portion of a dairy farm, and especially the rougher portion, should not be devoted to maintaining some first-class well-bred sheep.

The other hand, breeding for fattening or relying upon fat cattle is practically outside the province of the dairy farmer, just as the keeping of cows is apt to prove an incongruous undertaking to the man with a large property most suitable for the production of the best breeds.

EXPORT BUTTER COMMITTEE.

GRADING OF BUTTER.

"Honesty" writes:—In connection with the resolution of the seven gentlemen comprising the above committee condemning stamping and grading of butter, as reported in Friday's paper, it is much to be regretted that they are so lacking in knowledge of the facts on such an important subject as to affirm such a resolution on the statements of Mr. Meares, which prove to be absolutely incorrect. I ask your readers to compare the following statements:—

Mr. Meares,
"Sydney Morning Herald,"
April 13, 1906.

Mr. Meares pointed out that on a recent visit to Melbourne he ascertained that a number of buyers stated that State were generally dissatisfied with the results of the Government stamping of butter, so far as its value on the London market was concerned, and the majority of them desired its discontinuance. On the motion of Mr. Baker, seconded by Mr. Cunningham, it was resolved "That this Butter Export Committee, representing co-operative factories of the State, emphatically protests against any interference with the butter of the State by the Federal Government in the direction of grading or stamping, and that the foregoing resolution be conveyed to the Federal Government."

Melbourne "Age,"
April 12, 1906.

Practically 90 per cent. of the butter exported from Victoria to the United Kingdom this season has been graded by the Government experts. The Government inspectors examine the consignments sent forward for export, and award points for quality. Butter which on examination is equal in quality to a standard fixed by the department, is marked "Approved for Export;" consignments to which more than 90 out of a possible 100 points are awarded are stamped "First Grade." Second and third grade certificates are issued without the boxes being stamped. The grading of butter is carried out to meet the expressed wishes of the shipping factories. In 1903, when the offer to grade butter for export was made by the Government, 22 factories accepted; in 1904-1905 the number rose to 67 factories, and at the close of 1905 to 122 factories, representing 78 per cent. of the number of factories exporting, and 84.9 per cent. of the quantity of butter shipped had their exports graded. Further progress has been made, and now over 90 per cent. of the butter shipped is being graded by the Government, proving beyond all doubt that the vast benefits conferred by grading are widely recognised.

From the above comparison farmers will see that so far from exporters in Melbourne being dissatisfied with grading and desiring its discontinuance, year by year the percentage of butter submitted to the Government for grading has increased till now over 90 per cent. is so graded.

The real question therefore is, what is Mr. Meares's object in making such inaccurate statements. In this connection it must be remembered that Mr. Meares is the head of a company handling on commission a very large quantity of butter, and that direct sales to London buyers will denude his company's profits, and put them directly into the pockets of the factories concerned without deduction of just so much commission as Mr. Meares's company would charge in Sydney, or their selling representatives in London would charge. Perhaps the following comments by the "Age" in the same article will provide the answer:—

There is, however, still a section of those interested in butter exporting prepared to fight Government grading and stamping of boxes tooth and nail.

The opposition to Government grading probably arises from the fact that its extension carries with it also an increase in the direct buying of London and other merchants. Very steadily the London method is being ground, and the chief centres of the Victorian export butter sales will shortly be in this city. English wholesale houses, distributors, etc., are sending out agents or appointing representatives here to buy for them on f.o.b. terms, but their business can only be carried on in a large way with Government grading. The man at the other end wants the Government grade, and wants marked boxes, standard packages, and clean trading. Government grade marks prevent fraud, and standard packages also check dishonesty. Not the number of European buyers increases locally, so much less do the profits and the importance of the shipping agents in Melbourne become, and this probably is the reason why the subject is so unpalatable to a limited section of those declaring themselves anxious to assist the producers.

I would also like to point out that the "trade customs and rules of arbitration" of the Home and Foreign Produce Exchange govern the trade in Australian butter in London. On March 7 this year the rules governing c.i.f. and f.o.b. contracts were altered, rule 49 now reading:—"Australian and New Zealand butter— (c) Quality: The Government graders' certificate of quality at time of shipment to be final. (d) Loss in weight: Shippers' weights to be taken, and the Government weigher's certificate at time of shipment to be final."

One would not argue from these newly-amended rules that Government grade marks were not in favour. Their overwhelming success in New Zealand has proved beyond doubt that Australia should follow suit.

No reasonable objection has ever been raised against grading, and the stamping of grade marks on the boxes is surely an integral part of that system. The small coterie now fighting has always been against Government grading.

Producers in considering this important question must always bear in mind that Government grading (with stamped grade marks) is the surest way of conserving their interests and preventing a repetition of the ghastly frauds of the past, as evidenced in the recent Butter Commission.

FIGHTING THE RABBITS.

DR. DANYSZ'S EXPERIMENT.

Mr. E. J. Sanders writes:—In your issue of the 9th instant I notice an article written by "Public Warning" condemning the introduction of Dr. Danysz's method of rabbit destruction. I can at all times listen to sound argument, but I have no time for "Public Warning," and shall endeavour to prove to "Public Warning" and the public in general that he ("Public Warning") does not know what he is writing about. He goes on to say that "everyone versed in chemistry must know that no disease is confined to only one human or animal specie." I remember many years ago opossums were very numerous on the Culgoa, Biree, and Bokhara creeks, and suddenly a disease appeared among them, totally, or almost totally, wiping them out. So deadly did this disease prove that even now it is very rarely that an opossum is seen on any of the three creeks mentioned. I also remember some time in the 80's a disease appearing among the kangaroos, which killed them in hundreds; yet neither of these diseases proved contagious to other animals or human beings. Pleuro can be introduced into a herd of cattle, which will kill them in hundreds, and still not affect horses, sheep, or human beings; and other diseases can be introduced into a flock of sheep or horses which would prove very destructive and yet be quite harmless to cattle or other animals. And how many destructive diseases could be introduced into human beings which would be quite harmless to bird or animal life? Then, why is it not possible to introduce a disease into rabbits which would not be contagious to other animals or human beings? I do not wish to presume that Dr. Danysz will introduce a disease that will be contagious or non-contagious. If I did I would be in the same boat as "Public Warning," forming an opinion on a subject I knew nothing about. It is not at all likely that the council of advice of the pastures' protection boards is allowing Dr. Danysz to come here a stranger to them. The public may rest assured that the council of advice is thoroughly cognisant of the fact that Dr. Danysz is thoroughly versed in the subject that he is about to experiment on; and as the rabbit bids fair to ruin the wool, meat, and wheat industries of Australia, then why not use every effort to stay the rabbit, thus saving these industries, which are undoubtedly the backbone of Australia, and why listen to conservatives such as "Public Warning," and allow the rabbit to take possession?

RABBIT-TRAPPING.

"Grazier" writes:—Your correspondent, Miles York, in your issue of the 10th instant, has a plea on behalf of trying rabbit-trappers, I, for one, and no doubt many others who have tried them, can vouch that rabbits are thicker when trappers leave a place than when they commence. Strange, but true. They only work at distances conveniently near to railway stations, and thus only "tap" the most limited of areas. They are only concerned in what they can make, and not in diminishing the pest for the benefit of landowners.

Rabbits, from the trappers' point of view, when near a railway station, are a blessing; rabbits, from a landowner's point of view, anywhere, are a curse. This is a clear-cut statement of the position.

THE MAIZE CROP.

NAMBUCCA RIVER.—The work of housing the maize crop on the Nambucca River will be in full swing within the next week or two. During the last month farmers have experienced an anxious time, as appearances threatened a flood on more than one occasion. However, the weather appears now more settled, and if all goes well the main harvest on this river will top the best of previous records, while the quality of the grain, according to reports from the various centres, is stated to be excellent. The yield from the Nambucca this season will probably reach 50,000 bushels. The returns have time once more focuses the attention of growers on maize on an omission which they hold it should be the duty of the Government to rectify. The Government Statistician carefully collects information each year with regard to the probable yield of maize, and from time to time the figures so obtained are systematically revised as climatic and other conditions render necessary, with the result that the wheat-grower is provided with something more than mere speculation and indefinite, crude calculation to go on in estimating the price he should obtain for his grain. On the other hand, the maize-grower has no such valuable means at hand for his guidance, and information is furnished with no reliable estimate of the probable maize crop from year to year, and is equally in the dark as to the expected demand. He is puzzled with fluctuations that the market undergoes, and the net result is that the average corn-grower on the northern rivers is a dissatisfied man, instead of a contented one, all because he lacks information on a vital point affecting his business and his pocket. If production has overtaken demand, and prices are correspondingly lower, he looks for ocular demonstration of the fact in figures but these figures are not available, and without the substantial and satisfying conviction their production would bring to his mind, he attributes his poor returns to a variety of conditions, none of which may be the right one.

DAIRYING.

RAYMOND TERRACE.—For the month of March the Raymond Terrace Co-operative Dairy Company manufactured 46 tons of butter. Good soaking rains are badly needed for grass and cultivation lands.

DISTRICT ITEMS.

FORBES.—A successful sale of draught horses was held on the show ground, prices ruling high, the average being £33 17s 6d. The highest price for mares was £48. At the trucking yards over 2000 cattle were disposed of, and realised being:—Bullocks, £4 13s; steers, £3 15s to £7; cows, £4 to £5; heifers, £2 5s to £2 16s; poddies, £1 17s.

FIRE AT PYRMONT.

Two buildings, Nos. 51 and 53 Pyrmont Bridge-road, Pyrmont, occupied by Mr. E. M. Brougay, fruiterer and confectioner, caught fire yesterday morning, and were practically destroyed. The flames were first noticed at about 6 o'clock, but on the arrival of the brigades the fire had gained a good hold, and although three hydrants were employed the buildings were beyond saving. Attention had also to be directed to the contiguous structures, which caught fire, but without suffering much damage. Four rooms were gutted and the contents of the shops were also destroyed. The property, which belongs to Mr. S. Horden, is insured. The contents were insured for £90. Detachments from George-street West, Redfern, and Glebe attended.

JUSTICE FINNEMORE,
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THE ROYAL SHOW.

A GREAT GATHERING.

CAPITAL RING EVENTS.

GRAND JUMPING EXHIBITIONS.

Easter Monday always supplies a vast crowd to the Royal Show. Yesterday proved no exception. Even in the morning, when the sky threatened a thunderstorm, there was a steady flow from all parts of the metropolitan area towards Moore Park. When the westerly came up and the day settled fine the rush on the turnstiles was prodigious. The attendance numbered about 53,000, and the receipts were £2279, or £10 in excess of last Easter Monday's gate. Thus every day of this show has exceeded the figures for 1905, the total advance for five days being £400. The record for this holiday was put up in 1904, when the receipts were £3300. That year, however, Good Friday was wet, and those then disappointed swelled the Monday's proceeds.

Yesterday the ring was again the centre of popular favour. The events were full of variety and incident. The grand parade was a magnificent representation of the best that Australia breeds, and won wide admiration. Trotters worked up much excitement, and further demonstrated the popularity of the track. But the great feature was the jumping. The Royal Hunters' contest was decided after a further round of excellent fencing. The field was very superior, and Messrs. Eroni Bros. had a deserved win with Sunlight. Mr. Morton's string did no better than third, with Desmond. But the South Coast sport had his revenge in the high jump, which Desmond won after a fine exhibition, with the bar at 6ft 4in. The grand little grey was then tried against the record for the ground, 6ft 6¾in, which he and others put up a couple of years ago. The bar was raised to 6ft 2in, and on his second attempt the plucky horse failed only by the fraction of an inch. Unfortunately the jumping was marred by a couple of painful accidents.

When the high jump was in progress at about 4 o'clock, the arena presented a rare sight. Tens of thousands of people thronged over every inch of ground that commanded the ring, and thousands more, unable even to get a glimpse of the proceedings, were busily inspecting the hundred other attractions that the grounds present. Many hundreds more witnessed the events from the rock elevation outside, towards Paddington. But the great crowd moved about without trouble. There was remarkably little crushing, and a wonderful supply of good humour. Mothers handled large families, and stood hours of a hot sun, and still seemed to go home happy. There was the usual mingling of city and country, and the country representation, at home in all parts of the exhibition, enjoyed the comments and criticisms of the town voice. The grand machinery display, so handy to the ring, always had hosts of admirers. Manufacturers report that inquiries have been on a large scale, with orders numerous. In fact, the state of the country has been clearly shown in the happy demeanour of all those whose mission at the show is business. "Never so good," is the general verdict; "money is very free." The tram facilities were faulty, and there was a lot of delay on the return journeys. The thoroughness of the visitors was shown by an almost unbroken attendance until after sundown, and it was long after dark before the last enthusiasts reluctantly abandoned their favourite sections.

The arrangements were again excellent.

IN THE RING.

JUMPING CONTESTS.

SOME SENSATIONAL INCIDENTS.

The ring events attracted more than ordinary attention yesterday, crowds surging into the grandstand and around the ring the fence long before proceedings were commenced. As on Saturday the judge was late in arriving, which provoked considerable adverse comment. A start, however, was made at 10 minutes to 11—just 20 minutes behind time.

The jumping display, taken as a whole, was much above Saturday's performance. Curiously enough the awards on points worked out about equally with judgment for style, safety, and the general hunting qualities of a horse in the field. The blue ribbon was given to Messrs. Eroni Brothers' Sunlight, with 153 points. This hunter took his fence with wonderful precision and neat

For Shipping, Meteorological, and Mail Notices See Page 6.

BIRTHS.

MIDDLEBROOK.—April 15, at Rhodesia, Thornley-st, Leichhardt, to Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Middlebrook—a daughter.

MILLARD.—April 9, at her residence, Orange, the wife of V. H. Millard—a daughter.

MARRIAGES.

GOODMAN—WALKER.—March 14, 1906, at Manly Presbyterian Church, by the Rev. Anderson Gardiner, Charles, son of Mrs. Henry Whiting, of Oxford, Narrabeen, to Alithia Irene (Lill), daughter of William Walker, of Ballarat (Vic.), and niece of the late Robert Black, of this city.

DEATHS.

EDWARD.—April 16, 1906, at his residence, No. 16 Ennis-street, Balmain, Margaret Ann, the dearly beloved wife of Thomas Edward, aged 44 years. R.I.P.

FOX.—April 6, 1906, at his residence, 65 Clarence-lane, Joseph Fox, aged 63. R.I.P.

GREIG.—April 15, 1906, at her residence, Roslyn, Strathfield, Jean Greig, in her 71st year. Interred at Rookwood.

HEBBLEWHITE.—April 16, at his residence, Rooty Hill, Charles William Hebblewhite, eldest son of Charles Hebblewhite, 14 Buckingham-street, in his 33rd year.

JOWETT.—April 16, at Wyrallah, Smith-street, Parramatta, Mary Jowett, late of the Charities Department, and loved mother of Mr. R. Jowett, of Stanmore, and Mrs. Jos. Gregory, Rookwood, aged 72 years. Funeral announcement to-morrow.

McKAY.—August 16, 1906, at her residence, Carltonville, Campbell-street, Newtown, Louisa, dearly loved Wife of Timothy McKay, aged 49 years. R.I.P.

PEARD.—March 14, 1906, at Camowell, Northern Territory, Alfred John Peard, second son of H. T. Peard, Curlewis, aged 38 years.

SULLIVAN.—At her mother's residence, 7 Redfern-street, Redfern, Theresa, third daughter of the late J. T. Sullivan, of Upper Fort-street, Sydney, aged 47 years. R.I.P.

TIMBRELL.—April 16, 1906, at her late residence, Carmel, Woodlands-road, Ashfield, Mary Timbrell, aged 78 years.

IN MEMORIAM.

BERRYNE.—In sorrowful remembrance of my dear wife and our mother, Elizabeth Phillips Berryne, who died on Sunday, April 16th, 1905, aged 25 years 9 months. Inserted by her sorrowful husband and children, Michael, Lottie, James, Alice Berryne.
We missed the love of wife and mother
Since from our humble home she's gone,
But soon we hope to meet in heaven;
It's then our sorrows shall be done.

BOOLE.—In loving memory of my dearly beloved son, George Herbert (Bertie) Boole, age 12 years and 5 months, who was accidentally shot at Miller's Point, April 17, 1902. Inserted by his sorrowing mother.

CHAPMAN.—In loving memory of our dear mother, who departed this life on May 16, 1898, at Annandale. Inserted by her loving daughters, Annie, Gracie, Florrie.

EVANS.—In loving memory of our dear husband and father, who died April 17, 1900.
Six years have passed, and still we miss him.
Friends may think the wound has healed;
But they little know the sorrow
Deep within our hearts concealed.
Inserted by his wife and daughters.

GILLIGAN.—In sad but loving memory of my dear wife, Annie Gilligan, who died April 17, 1904, at Claremont-street, Balmain, aged 41 years. Though lost to sight, to memory dear. Inserted by her loving husband, James Woods Gilligan.

GILLIGAN.—In loving memory of our dearest mother, Annie Gilligan, who departed this life April 17, 1904. Immaculate heart of Mary, your prayer for her extol. Inserted by her loving daughter and son-in-law, Mary and Frank Goyen. R.I.P.

GILLIGAN.—In sad and loving memory of my dear wife and our mother, who died April 17, 1905. Inserted by her sorrowing husband and children, August, Edith, Augusta, Ernest.

McCARTHY.—In sad but loving memory of Joseph Victor McCarthy, who departed this life at 62 Riley-street, on April 17, 1905, aged 12 years and 4 months. R.I.P.
Angel son, thou hast left us,
Left a world of pain and care,
Gone to heaven to be an angel,
And a crown of glory wear;
Darling, mild and gentle,
Pure and lovely as the flowers,
Thou from earth hast early faded,
But to bloom in Eden's bowers.
Inserted by his loving mother, sister, and brother (Emily McCarthy, C. E. Riley). Home and country papers please copy.

MASON.—In sad and loving memory of our darling mother, Judith Mason, who died April 17, 1904. Inserted by her loving children, Joe, Edd., Pat., Att., Min., Cissy, Albert, Anderson, and Liz., Harry Russell.

MOSELY.—In sad but loving memory of our dear Barbara, who was accidentally killed by the tram at Moore Park, April 17, 1900, aged 3 years and 3 months. Our darling at rest. Inserted by her parents, sisters, and brothers.

MURRAY.—In loving memory of our dear father, Augustus Murray, who departed this life at Newtown, April 17, 1905, aged 73 years. Inserted by A. and E. Hicks, Cobar.

SIMPSON.—In ever loving memory of my dear father, William Simpson, who passed away very peacefully at Ealing, London W., April 17, 1900. At rest.

SMITH.—In loving memory of my dear wife, Margaret Smith, who departed this life on April 17, 1904. Inserted by her loving husband, R. Smith. Dead but not forgotten.

SMITH.—In loving memory of our dearly loved daughter, Margaret Smith, who departed this life April 17. As the ivy clings to the oak, so my memory clings to thee. Inserted by her fond parents, R. E. Stoddart.

SUTTON.—In loving memory of our dear father, James John, who died April 17, 1903, aged 69 years; also our dear mother, who died June 25, 1891, aged 52 years. Inserted by their loving son and daughters. Never forgotten.

RETURN THANKS.

Mrs. "PRUDAMES and FAMILY" desire to return their sincere THANKS to the many kind friends for letters, telegrams, and floral tributes; also Mr. R. Metcalfe for the efficient manner in which he carried out the funeral arrangements.

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The issue of the "SYDNEY MAIL" this week appeals both to city and country people. The greater part of the Illustrated Section is devoted to the Royal Show, and the collection of pictures has never been equalled in any one Show Number. Fred Leist contributes an excellent double-page entitled "Impressions at the Show." Douglas Fry, whose animal studies have recently been a feature of the "Sydney Mail," has a fine drawing, "Quality in the Ring." It consists of a remarkably fine portrait of Sir Foote, and also shows the beautiful head of Flavius. The photographers of "The Sydney Mail" show good examples of their skill, especially in the cattle section, the set of pictures being the best on record, and of especial value to breeders. As the paper has been enlarged the complete list of pictures can hardly be given.

EXHIBITORS, NOTE!

Pressure of space has compelled us to hold over for one issue a number of pictures of exhibits. There is the additional circumstance that it is our policy to reserve certain pages for the "lighter side"—a course that is better for advertisers and all concerned. In this instance the magnitude of the Show has left us with so many pictures that on the 25th inst. we will have our THIRD SHOW ISSUE. It will be brightened by pictures of Queensland scenery and other features.

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TUESDAY, APRIL 17, 1906.

MR. REID AT PARKES.

Mr. Reid's task at Parkes last night should have been rendered comparatively simple for him by the decision of the Victorian Labour League. Mr. Deakin has been playing a desperate game. He made overtures to both parties, but he made them in such a way as inevitably to invite suspicion of his sincerity from both. The Labour party, in particular, had an easy choice. The Prime Minister had declared against it long ago. He took its support when he wanted office, and during many humiliating months he has exhibited to the Commonwealth and its critics abroad the pitiful spectacle of a Prime Minister with a mean minority holding office on the Labour party's terms and subject to its dictation. The real conditions of his undesirable compact were never better expressed than by Mr. Watson when he defended himself, his back against the wall, before the Labour Conference in Sydney on this very subject. The Labour opinion was then expressed pointedly to the effect that Labour was not getting enough for its support. Mr. Watson had to explain why he and those in Parliament with him followed Mr. Deakin. He did so on lines which broke down at once and forever every pretence that a compact honourable to both sides existed between them. The only real argument he could find to use in his own defence was that the party's grasp on the Prime Minister was so tight and masterful that Mr. Deakin had to do as he was told, and under those circumstances the Labour ends were better served than if a straight-out Labour Ministry was in power. That incident cleared the whole federal-political situation. The game was up. It may have been good policy or not from the standpoint of the Labour leaders out of Parliament to force the hands of the players in this way, and compel them to lay their cards upon the table. But once that was done the cards were there, for all the world to see.

When, therefore, Mr. Deakin made his double appeal to Mr. Reid and Mr. Watson at Ballarat and Adelaide, he must have known that little hope of success remained to him in the second quarter. He had certain Labour questions to answer, which he evaded. The only excuse for his hesitation was, perhaps, that certain proposals emanating from the Victorian Chamber of Manufactures and the Protectionist Association had been made for a working alliance at the general election. Before those proposals were heard it was understood that Mr. Deakin himself, with other members of his Ministry, would be opposed by straight-out Labour candidates in their own constituencies. We may presume that the Prime Minister and his colleagues know best what chance of re-election they would stand in that event, and we may even venture to suppose that the protectionist proposals were dictated by that knowledge. But the Victorian Labour leagues think they know quite as much, and in the light of that conviction they returned their answer last week. There is to be no compact and no compromise. Labour will fight to capture seats wherever it thinks it has a chance, and as the situation stands Mr. Deakin may expect to have a contest with a Labour candidate when he goes before the electors of Ballarat again. The Victorian Labour League appears to have thought that there was nothing in the Prime Minister's double offer to warrant any renewal of faith in his sincerity, and by the rejection of the alliance proposals they have placed him in the position we had already indicated as threatening him. He must, in fact, either subscribe to the terms of Labour and the caucus or follow on after Mr. Reid.

That being so, it lay with the leader of the Opposition last night to declare himself; if, in his opinion, the time was ripe in these matters, of course, much must be left to the discretion and judgment of the leader. He, after all, has to bear the burden of the fight, and shape his conduct of the campaign accordingly. There are certain fixed and obvious things that hardly required restating. On such points as opposition to socialism, the Federal financial issue, immigration, and the crowding of population into the cities, the Arbitration Act with preference to unionists, the problem of the Northern Territory, the Federal capital, political trades unionists, and so on, the policy of the Opposition leader is well known. Mr. Reid does well to state and restate it, and carry it into every corner of the State that his voice reaches. That is one way to galvanise public thought into activity and encourage effective organisation. But the time has come when his bearers and followers expect a little more than that. The Prime Minister has declared himself. He has been rejected by one side, and we are about to enter on the closing session of the Federal Parliament. Before it opens it is desirable that we should know something of what lies before us, especially as we know that serious legislative business is out of the question. It will be an electioneering session, and nothing else, leading up to the greatest fight that has ever been seen at a general election in Australia. It will be fought in each and all of the States at the same time. All over the Commonwealth certain great questions and one distinct national issue will be on their trial. The electors from Sydney to Fremantle and from Cape York to Cape Otway will be asked to pronounce as to whether the next Parliament will be one pledged to bring in socialism or to oppose it. All that is well understood, and what remains now is to decide the ground on which we are standing. The Labour leagues have chosen theirs. On the other side there is indecision. The party of anti-socialism is split in two by the fiscal question. The two sections must either go to the polls separately or together. There is no course of compromise open. That being so, in the interests of effective organisation we ought to know as early as possible what the plan of campaign in this respect is—whether we are to fight protection and socialism, or whether Mr. Reid is able to see his way to a Liberal alliance which will join freetraders, protectionists, and all moderates and progressists in the common cause.

THE KAISER'S TELEGRAM.

The prediction of those who thought that the Algeciras Conference might prove a possible storm-centre for Europe may fulfil itself after all. The danger did not pass away with the close of the conference. The German Emperor is determined to make it plain that he is not satisfied with the result, and his telegram to Count Goluchowski, the Austrian Foreign Minister, is instinct with potentialities of mischief. Our cables of this morning show that it is interpreted as a menace to Italy, and presumably, therefore, as a reply to the "rapprochement" among the Latin nations and to Italian friendliness towards British policy. The situation is complicated by sinister rumours regarding German instigation of Turkish policy in respect of Tabah, in the neighbourhood of the Suez Canal. If these are as credible as the local well-informed appear to think, there is danger of a re-opening of that part of the Anglo-French Agreement relating to Egypt, in the same way that the portion concerning Morocco was brought in question at the conference. It will be noticed that both points on the map of Africa are of great strategical importance—the one as commanding the route to the East through the canal and the Red Sea, and the other as affecting the entrance to the Mediterranean from the western side, as well as the question so interesting to Germany of a naval port on the Atlantic. Italy, it will be remembered, has large interests on the north and north-east African coast, and, of course, in the Mediterranean, and a shifting of the Italian weight in the international scales from the side of Germany to that of France and Britain might easily disconcert the other parties to the Triple Alliance.

The direct appeal, if that is the correct term for it, here made by the German Emperor to Austria is not only a bid for moral support but a menace by inference. The Austrian Court has a position of difficulty always before it. The precarious life of the aged Emperor is recognised as perhaps the last remaining bolt holding the crazy and age-worn fabric of the dual Austro-Hungarian monarchy together. Sooner or later the authorities will be face to face with a collapse, and when that crisis comes the support of their nearest powerful neighbour will be at the very least desirable. The Kaiser, then, appears to be stating, with even less than his usual lack of delicacy in such conjunctures, the terms and conditions of what looks like a bargain. His tactics are so brusque that even the German press, as our cables of this morning inform us, plainly disappeove. They contend that the Triple Alliance has already gone to pieces—in itself a significant admission from a German source. The Vesuvius incident is petty and small-minded, if substantiated, but it carries its meaning in such circumstances also. The plain inference is that the director of German foreign policy, which already appears to have claimed one distinguished victim in Prince Bulow, is drawing his lines a little closer. The Sultan of Turkey can never be much more than a pawn in the game, yet the Turks proved themselves good soldiers in Greece, and the Porte seems disposed to reassert a claim to influence on Egyptian territory. Austria is in another position. There is material here for an exchange on terms of diplomatic equality. The friendship between Austria and Italy was always one of convenience, and the writer in the "Contemporary" on the foreign policy of Italy, which we quoted on Saturday, may possibly be mistaken as to the continuity of the Triplice.

THE HOLIDAY TRAFFIC.

This year is a record year for the Easter holidays in Sydney, and the Easter holiday season in Sydney is easily at the head of all attractions in Australia at this time of the year. There is no agricultural show in the Commonwealth to vie with the Royal Agricultural Society's Show, and every year the attractions are increased. The governing body is careful to move foward, and its efforts in this direction have been powerfully helped by the late secretary, who did so much in his time to make the exhibition popular, and by his successor, who steadily and successfully aims at improvement on excellent organisation. The result is that people pour into Sydney from all parts of the country to see their own exhibits of live stock, or to scrutinise the exhibits of their friends, or to pick up some wrinkles from the display of agricultural implements. They combine business with pleasure, and of the crowds who closely examined the machinery exhibits there will be many who will have found in them a solution of difficult problems. To them are to be added a number of persons who frankly went to the show for the sake of amusement. They were interested, perhaps, in dogs, or horses, or cattle, and they delighted in seeing the exhibition of the best the State has to show in either of these directions. Or they came down simply for the purpose of enjoying themselves, of seeing the crowds of people, of spending their well-earned holiday out in the glorious sunshine. This division of visitors to the show was largely increased by the city persons, who may not have known a cow from a horse, but who managed nevertheless to enjoy themselves thoroughly.

A reasonable estimate of the attendance at the show this year would be a couple of hundred thousand. Say that another 50,000 persons will have gone out to Randwick to see the races, and leaving all other attractions out of question for the moment we have about a quarter of a million of people who journeyed to Moore Park and to the racecourse during these holidays. A large proportion of these had already contributed to the railway revenue in the way of fares from different parts of the State, and they all were naturally called upon to pay for their trips to and from their points of attraction. We should be glad to be able to say that the tramway service was what it should have been. We have one of the best systems of tramway service in the world, and everything runs as easily as lightning on ordinary occasions. The service is cheap and frequent to all parts of the suburbs, and the tramway officials are eager and anxious to forward the comfort of passengers. But the moment there is a special demand made on the resources of the department vexatious delay is the order of the day. People pour out from the showground to find a crammed tramcar blocking the way, with another rapidly getting filled in the near distance. Instead of despatching these on their way the off rials wait a few minutes, which seem an eternity to people anxious to get back to town. So defective is the tram service that 'buses do a roaring trade, and people who have important engagements to fill patronise them instead of the trams. For, even when the trams move off, it is to take a hopeless position in the rear of a long file which cannot get on. Of course the authorities claim that it is difficult to cope with the city-ward traffic of two great attractions from the same direction; but then it is just such difficulties they are in office to overcome. They are not taken by surprise; they know what is in front of them; and to acknowledge defeat in these circumstances is to acknowledge incapacity. The city-ward traffic on great holiday occasions is a blot on the administration of our tramways, and efforts should be made to remove this blot.

THE NEW EDUCATION BILL.

Mr. Birrell promised that his Education Bill would be the chief measure submitted to the House of Commons this session, but he can hardly have imagined that it would be so attractive a bone of contention as it has proved to be in its short life of days. Either nobody is pleased with it at all, or the persons who are displeased with it have the loudest voice. The Anglican Church condemns it in toto, the Archbishop of Canterbury referring to its introduction as a far-reaching and grave emergency. The Roman Catholic Church, through Bishop Casartelli, declares that the bill has not a redeeming feature, and that it amounts practically to a confiscation of Roman Catholic schools. The "Times," which looks with a jaundiced eye upon all the proposals of the Government, declares that the bill requires radical amendment, and in the general chorus of reprobation, the "Scotsman's" criticism that the proposal ought to be entitled "a bill for the State endowment of Nonconformists," expresses what may be regarded as the verdict of the man in the street. Even Dr. Clifford, who may be taken as a representative of Nonconformist opinion on the subject, is not satisfied altogether with the new bill, objecting, as he does, to the clause allowing denominational instruction to be given in transferred voluntary schools if the parents of four-fifths of the children so desire. And, to crown all, the Primrose League, the supreme expression of Church and State feeling, condemns the bill from title to imprint. It especially protests against the endowment of one kind of religious teaching by means of funds to which citizens of all denominations are compelled to contribute. This is exactly the attitude in regard to the Conservative Government's Act which was taken up by Dr. Clifford and the "passive resisters," and it is not a little instructive as a guide to party politics in the old country to find that the people who made possible a law which many fellow-citizens judged to be tyrannical are now complaining in their turn because the screw has been applied in a somewhat different direction.

We may with advantage enumerate some of the points in which Mr. Birrell's bill differs from the Act which it seeks to amend. All elementary schools are to become "provided" schools—not, that is, under the control of the authorities who ruled over voluntary schools. Public control is to rule right throughout the system, and there are to be no religious tests for teachers. These may be taken as the three main points of the bill. But it is not to be supposed that religious teaching is taboo. Every school day there is to be "simple Bible teaching" by the ordinary staff at the beginning of the day's work, when children's minds are fresh and vigorous. There is to be no dogmatic teaching, and the attendance of children at these lessons is to be purely voluntary. If it be a condition in the transferring of voluntary schools to the State that definite religious instruction shall be given, it is agreed that such instruction shall be available on two mornings of the week. Again, if four-fifths of the parents of the children attending any particular school in urban areas express a desire for religious instruction to be given daily, this desire must be gratified. The religious difficulty is the crux of the whole matter, and it is on this account we have emphasised it here. And the religious difficulty means to many people the necessity for the imparting of definite religious instruction in school hours. Incidentally, there is heart-burning over the surrender of voluntary schools to the State, but the religious education problem is at the bottom of this too. It could be wished that Mr. Birrell would take lessons from our own Act on this matter, which, as he was recently reminded by Bishop Pain in a letter to a London paper, affords every opportunity to clergymen of all denominations to give religious instruction to State school children belonging to their flocks, without interfering in any way with the most delicate of consciences.

Murray Waters Agreement.—Mr. Lee (Minister for Works), Mr. Price (Premier of South Australia), and Mr. Swinburne (Victorian Minister for Agriculture and Water Supply), with departmental experts, spent Easter Monday amongst the intricacies of the Murray Waters problem. It was presumed, on the strength of an official announcement, that the agreement was complete excepting for some formal matters, but these formalities proved to be of so much importance that Ministers found it necessary to apply themselves closely throughout the day to the work, and it was not till nearly 6 p.m. that Mr. Lee was able to intimate that the labours of the conference had finished satisfactorily. The conference had to deal with the apportioning of water to New South Wales and Victoria, and at the same time to grant South Australia's riparian rights. As finally drafted the agreement is a unanimous one. The limitations placed upon New South Wales and Victoria in regard to the use of the Murray waters, pending a system of water conservation works, has been fixed at 220,000 cubic feet per minute on the part of this State, and 150,000 cubic feet per minute for Victoria, but during the five months from February till June inclusive New South Wales is to be limited to 158,000 cubic feet per minute, and Victoria to 92,000 cubic feet per minute, and the volume in river channel at the eastern boundary of South Australia must not be reduced below 70,000 cubic feet per minute. The duties of the commission were assayed, and Mr. Swinburne's clause respecting the storage of waters appropriated or diverted from the Murray, under authority of the agreement, was adopted. A provision was also inserted for the appointment of the commission within three months of the passing by the Parliaments of the Act ratifying the agreement.

Hydraulic Lifts.—The Minister for Works has decided to instal three hydraulic lifts in the Government buildings—one in the Chief Secretary's Office, and two in the Lands Department. The lifts in operation are of the hydraulic type, and that fact was a consideration in determining Mr. Lee to continue the system in preference to electricity. The new lifts will be fitted with the most modern machinery and appliances. The saving, as compared with electric lifts, is set down at about £700 or £800.

Federal Members' Travels.—The city residents rarely have reason to consider the extent of some of the Federal electorates; but the Federal member who "visits his constituents" out west, or up north, has the fact brought home to him very forcibly that his Parliamentary representation covers an enormous area. The Gwydir is not the largest electorate; still its member (Mr. Webster), who returned to Sydney after a visit to his constituents, states that he travelled 1700 miles, nearly 600 miles of the distance on horseback or by vehicle. Notwithstanding this, he did not nearly complete the visit—merely taken a rest prior to renewing his political peregrinations. He has started again, and will be on the roads till May 8, if nothing untoward occurs. He will go through Narrabri, then Moree, up to the Queensland border, back to Reedy Creek, Baan Baa, Curlewis, Werris Creek, Quirindi, and Quipolly—another 1000 miles on the roads and 800 miles by rail. In all this visit to the constituency will involve 1540 miles on the roads and 1960 miles by rail. It must not be assumed that the whole constituency will even then have been visited. The Federal member can only go to the principal centres of this great area. Mr. Webster has met with much encouragement and some assistance at his meetings, despite counter attractions in the shape of race meetings, coursing, and the inevitable shows, which pursue an undisturbed course, despite Commonwealth politics.

Winter Lectures.—The Intelligence Department has in preparation a series of winter lectures, the object of which is to familiarise and popularise in the city mind the idea of life in the country. Many townspeople have necessarily a rather crude conception of the existence of the man on the land, and it is believed many others might be induced to go on to the country and take up holdings if their notions respecting farming and life on the farm were in anything like accord with the real state of things. That is, of course, if the holdings are made available for them. The lectures are to be illustrated with a very fine set of lantern slides, prepared with the greatest care and at considerable expense. The pictures that will be thrown on the screen are calculated to convey a much better impression of rural conditions than could any amount of talk or literature. It is proposed to give the lectures not only in the city, but in the larger suburbs, so that everyone who takes an interest in the subject may have an opportunity of learning something.

New Railways.—The first section of the Temora to Barellan railway, as far as Ariah Park, 20 miles, is being carried out by day labour. The materials, such as timber and ironwork, are being supplied under contract. It was anticipated that the section to Ariah Park would be completed early this month, but owing to the failure of the timber contractors to deliver the timber within specified time considerable delay has been caused, and this length cannot now be finished until some time in June. The second portion of the line—viz., from Ariah Park to Barellan—will be carried out by contract, providing the offers are satisfactory, and tenders will shortly be invited for the necessary work. A contract was let for the first section of the Bogan Gate to Bulbodney line—viz., from Bogan Gate to Trundle—towards the end of last year; but the contractor abandoned the work, as he found his schedule rates were not sufficiently high. Fresh tenders were then invited, but the lowest tenderer withdrew, owing to a satisfactory arrangement with regard to one item not being arrived at. Tenders are again being invited, returnable on the 30th instant.

Water for the Railways.—Few people have any idea of the enormous consumption of water that takes place in connection with the railway system of the State. Throughout New South Wales there are about 160 stations where the locomotives take water. The great majority of these are departmental pumping stations, though in a number of instances the local municipal council furnishes the supply required for the locomotives. In Sydney the Metropolitan Board of Water Supply and Sewerage provides for the wants of the locomotives in this respect. Last year the quantity of water taken from the board's mains for railway purposes was 260,841,000 gallons, and the amount paid by the Commissioners for the service was £10,200. The quantity supplied by 28 municipalities brings the total up to 343,037,500 gallons, and the cost to £17,155. It is estimated that the department's own pumping stations furnish many times the amount stated. The total cost of water last year to the department was £31,068, irrespective of repairs to reservoirs, tanks, and of pipes used for conveying the water to and from reservoirs.

The Frenchman's Tobacco.—It was instructive to hear Mr. Holman with a magnificent gesture and in a tone that carried conviction describe the French Republic as "nothing but a plutocratic Government." In a political argument such an authoritative declaration is a perfect clincher. The audience were appalled by the corrupting influence of wealth that directs the destinies of the young Republic; then in turn they were moved to uncontrollable mirth by Mr. Reid's boutade about the Republic manufacturing such bad tobacco that nobody but Frenchmen could smoke it. The jovial Pouyer-Quertier, a celebrated politician of a score or two of years ago, could explain the most bewildering masses of figures because—as he said—he only dealt with them "approximately" on the floor of the House; and afterwards corrected them officially. That was about half a century ago; and upon freedom of speech nowadays there ought to be no more restriction than at that less-favoured time. But, however much it would detract from a debate if the participants were tied down to hard and dry facts, the French people in Sydney certainly do not like their beautiful country being kicked about as the sport of politicians, without even the subsequent official rectification. Their objection is promptly voiced in the "Courrier Australien," Plutocracy, this excellent journal says, is government by the wealthy, "so that our Ministers, MM. Sarrien, Bourgeois, Clemenceau, Briand, Poincare, and Etienne, will learn with pleasure that they are in the enjoyment of large fortunes." But it is Mr. Reid principally who has touched the racial susceptibilities of the Frenchmen. The "Figaro" published a sketch, in which the editor boasted that he had killed an Englishman in a railway carriage with the smoke of a French cigarette. This tobacco crime was mentioned in the Commonwealth Senate; and the organ thinks it forms the basis for Mr. Reid's statement regarding the badness of tobacco in France and the vitiated tastes of the people of that aesthetic country. Any how, the "Courrier" says that there is a conspiracy to make the anti-socialist leader smoke some of the products of France, and he is to have no knowledge of the whole scheme of revanche until the tragic denouement, when he will have taken a fatal whiff of the plutocratic poison.

Record Show Receipts.—This year's Royal Show is putting up a record in gate receipts. So far, every day's takings has exceeded those of the corresponding day last year, and the receipts are now £400 in excess of those of 1905. Yesterday, 53,000 passed the gates, and paid to the society £2279. The probability is that this extraordinary series of records will be maintained. The programme for to-day is probably more interesting than any since the exhibition opened.

Good Templars' Decline.—The main feature of the reports presented at the thirty-third annual session of the Grand Lodge of the International Order of Good Templars, which began at the Protestant Hall yesterday, was the fact that there had been an extraordinary decrease in the membership of over 600 for one year, and that the finances had suffered accordingly. The membership of the order when it was established in 1874 was 1572, and high-water mark was reached in 1888, when there was a membership of 16,797. There was then a gradual falling-off year by year, till it got down as low as 4532 in 1899, which is the lowest in 28 years. From 1899 there has been a slight increase each year, until now the membership is given as 5947, 3688 males and 227 females.

Carrier Pigeon Post.—The military authorities are experimenting with the carrier pigeon post system, birds being despatched from the different camps to Victoria Barracks. Yesterday duplicate messages from our special reporter at the Liverpool encampment were brought to Sydney by two pigeons, which occupied only 20 minutes on the journey. The time is very satisfactory, and the authorities consider that the success of this means of communication is beyond doubt.

Sensational Incident at the Show.—At the Royal Agricultural ground yesterday afternoon Mr. C. H. Davis's Countess, while engaged in the jumping contest, behaved very erratically. At first she carried away the top rail of a fence, giving the rider a nasty wrench. In the second try the mare struck the rail heavily with her hind legs, throwing the rider forward on to her neck. Before he was able to regain control she bolted across the lawn. Countess, from the course she took, seemed ungeneously bent upon charging at the "Herald" kiosk, near where thousands of people were densely packed against the ring fence. Something like a panic was created when the uncontrollable mare tried to clear the barrier and to jump in amongst the crowd. She made a desperate effort, but the rider, Callinan, just managed to get her head round. Still her pace was tremendous. She dashed into the fence sideways, and turned completely over, remaining partly suspended by wire entanglement on the other side. The rider was thrown clear, and fortunately the mare was held in a vice-like grip. The crowd were enabled to retire a few feet, and Countess was soon released and ridden away. Neither mare nor rider were seriously hurt.

A frequent service of trams will be run to the Agricultural Ground to-day, commencing at 8.40 a.m. Services will also be run to the Ascot and Kensington racecourses in connection with the pony races.

A special tourist car trip will be run to La Perouse and Botany to-day, leaving St. James'-road at 2.10 p.m., and arriving at Circular Quay on return at 4.40 p.m.

The sale of fat stock by Messrs. Pitt, Son, and Badgery, Ltd., at the show ground, announced to take place to-day, has been postponed until to-morrow, at noon.

TOURISTS ON THE NORTH COAST.

BYRON BAY, Monday.

The Sydney excursionists to the North Coast districts called here on Saturday on the way to the Tweed, and returned on Sunday night, after inspecting the butter and bacon factory, and left by the steamer Kyogle at 9 o'clock on the return to Sydney.

MURWILLUMBAH, Monday.

The party of excursionists organised by the Government Tourist Bureau, numbering about 80, arrived here by train from Grafton on Saturday night, and yesterday the visitors went to Tweed Heads by steamer, and all were enthusiastic over the beauties of the Tweed scenery. The tourists presented an address, thanking Mr. H. C. Patterson, of the Government Bureau, for his management of the trip. A presentation was also made to the stewardess of the Kyogle. A large crowd of people witnessed the departure of the tourists by train yesterday afternoon for Byron Bay, and cheers were exchanged. The Kyogle, with the excursionists, will reach Sydney early on Tuesday. Captain Storey, district manager of the North Coast Company, joined the party at Lismore, and accompanied them through the Tweed district.

MELBOURNE DRUIDS' GALA.

MELBOURNE, Monday.

The Druids' gala was held to-day at the Exhibition. The procession in the morning was marred by rain. There were several tableaux in the procession which attracted notice. At the Exhibition during the early afternoon most of the visitors kept inside, owing to the threatening weather. The principal arena events were:—

Fitzroy Stakes, 2m.—M'Farland, 1; Mayer, 2; Rutt, 3. Time, 6m 13s.

One Mile Australian Championship.—A. J. Clark, 1; G. Morgan, 2; R. W. Morgan, 3. Won by half a length. A length between the second and third. Time, 2m 3s.

Druids' Great Wheel Race, 1m.—A. G. Flack, 11½yds, 1; A. C. Colvin, 15½yds, 2; A. S. Froggon, 12½yds, 3; W. Rutt, scratch, 4. Time, 1m 57 1-5s.

TO-DAY.

Royal Agricultural Show: 9 a.m.
Excursion to Parkesvale: Train, 2.10 p.m.
Unemployed Meeting: Queen's Statue, 2 p.m.
Her Majesty's Theatre: "The Cingalee," 8 p.m.
Criterion Theatre: "A Village Priest," 8 p.m.
Palace Theatre: West's Pictures and "The Brescians," 8 p.m.
Theatre Royal: "Besieged in Port

GERMAN EMPEROR'S TELEGRAM.

A LESSON TO ITALY.

GERMAN PRESS DISAPPROVES.

LONDON, April 16.

The "Times" states that the remarkable telegram of the German Emperor to Count Goluchowski, the Austro-Hungarian Minister for Foreign Affairs, is intended as a sharp lesson to Italy. Its aspect of menace and reproof is most significant.

German newspapers disapprove of the telegram. The "Frankfurter Zeitung" states that the German Triple Alliance (Germany, Austria-Hungary, and Italy) has already gone to pieces.

Austrian comment states that the malice in the telegram is clearly intended for Italy; yet the German Emperor has rendered Count Goluchowski signal disservice.

The Emperor William telegraphed to Count Goluchowski warmest thanks for his unshakable support at the Algeciras Conference, support which would be reciprocated on a like occasion. Count Goluchowski, the Emperor added, had proved a brilliant second on the duelling ground.

AUSTRALIAN TORPEDO FLOTILLA.

SPECIFICATIONS POSTED.

LONDON, April 16.

The "Daily Express" states that Captain Cresswell, Director of the Australian naval forces, after visiting the shipyards of the Tyne and the Clyde, has forwarded to Senator Playford, the Commonwealth Minister for Defence, specifications and estimates for four torpedo-boat destroyers and four torpedo boats.

EARTHQUAKE AT FORMOSA.

GREAT LOSS OF LIFE.

LONDON, April 15.

There has been another severe earthquake at Formosa.

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The earthquake in Southern Formosa, following on the earthquake of a month ago, has enormously increased the miseries of the people. In the recent shock Kagi and Doko were again the chief sufferers.

Up to the present accounts have been received of 100 persons killed and 29 injured. It is feared that the death roll will be greatly increased when reports from the outlying districts have been received, since the topography of the country has been greatly changed. Thousands of people have been rendered homeless.

The earthquake in Formosa in March led to thousands of deaths. Several towns were destroyed.

GORKY IN DISGRACE.

THE AMERICANS SHOCKED.

LONDON, April 16.

Maxim Gorky, the Russian author, who recently landed in New York with the object of collecting funds for the revolutionaries, is in disgrace. His popularity among Americans did not survive the discovery that his companion was an actress, though he had introduced her as his wife.

M. Gorky and his companion have been compelled to leave two hotels.

NATAL REBELS.

THREE POWERFUL CHIEFS ASSISTING.

LONDON, April 15.

The rebel chief Bambaata and his followers have taken refuge in some caves near Cetewayo's grave. Three powerful chiefs are assisting Bambaata.

Other chiefs have placed 6000 loyal natives at the disposal of the Government.

EXPLOSION ON A WARSHIP.

EIGHT MEN KILLED.

LONDON, April 15.

While the United States battleship Kearsage was engaged at target practice in the West Indies an explosion occurred. A lieutenant and five members of the crew were killed. Other members of the crew were severely injured.

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In the explosion on the Kearsage two lieutenants and six sailors were killed, and 14 men were severely injured.

PRESIDENT ROOSEVELT'S SPEECH.

ACCUSATIONS OF SOCIALISM.

LONDON, April 16.

President Roosevelt, in consequence of his late speech, in which he advocated a progressive tax on the transfer of large fortunes, is in some quarters accused of advocating advanced socialism.

OUTRAGES IN MACEDONIA.

HORRIBLE REVENGE.

LONDON, April 15.

Bulgarian revolutionary bands are committing horrible outrages in Macedonia.

Two chiefs belonging to the Vurkhovist faction burnt the village of Libofka.

The chiefs forced the wife of Angkel Mentcho and her two little children to enter burning dwellings, where they locked them in until they were incinerated, because the husband had afforded hospitality to Sandansky, the head of a rival band.

RUSSIA'S TRIBULATIONS.

LONDON, April 15.

Two workmen have been executed at Warsaw for attempting to blow up with dynamite the communal offices and desecrating a portrait of the Czar.

There are 1800 political offenders imprisoned at Moscow.

LABOUR AND SOCIALISM.

LONDON, April 16.

The conference of the Social Democratic Federation, now sitting at Bradford, has declined to affiliate with the Labour Representation Committee until the latter has clearly accepted the principles of socialism.

FATAL BOATING ACCIDENT.

LONDON, April 16.

By the capsize of a boat on the Shannon, Ireland, five men were drowned.

If your back aches it may be your kidneys. Wolfe's Schnapps cures kidney diseases.—Advt.

PORTUGUESE MUTINY.

THREE SHIPS CONCERNED.

MILITARY INSUBORDINATE.

LONDON, April 16.

Reuter's correspondent at Madrid reports that the Portuguese ironclad Vasco da Gama mutinied at Lisbon on Friday evening. In response to signals and cries for help a tug went to inquire, and was received with rifle shots and compelled to return. Other vessels, including the Dom Carlos, was similarly treated.

It is reported that the crew killed a lieutenant because he killed a sailor who was about to fire one of the ship's guns at the shore.

Portuguese newspapers add that the Vasco da Gama constantly signalled the Dom Carlos, which mutinied on the 9th inst. The crews of the torpedo-boat destroyer Tejo and the training ship Dom Fernando e Gloria also mutinied.

Reports are current of acts of insubordination in several garrison towns. Seven of the crew of the Dom Carlos have been arrested.

THE VESUVIUS ERUPTION.

A FRESH OUTBREAK.

EXTRAORDINARY RESCUES.

LONDON, April 15.

There has been a fresh outburst of Vesuvius.

Dense showers of ashes threaten to suffocate the inhabitants of Ottajano, San Guiseppe, and Terzegno, many of whom had returned to their homes.

All the available transport is hastening to the villages concerned.

Two families, numbering 10 persons, were dug out alive from a cave at Ottajano, where ashes to a depth of 12ft had fallen from the volcano. A mother with her new-born infant was also rescued from some ruins.

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The fall of ashes from Vesuvius is again mitigating. Awful darkness was the chief cause of the latest panic.

SIGNIFICANT GERMAN ABSTENTION.

AUSTRIAN EMPEROR'S CONDOLENCE.

German abstention from any official condolence or any assistance to sufferers from the eruption of Vesuvius is much commented upon in Italy. The abstention is attributed to the soreness of the German Emperor at the result of the Algeciras Conference.

The Emperor Francis Joseph has sent a message of condolence to King Victor Emmanuel, with a personal gift of £400 to the relief fund.

SOUTH-WEST AFRICA.

GERMANS AMBUSHED.

LONDON, April 15.

While the Chief Morenga was returning from British territory he hid in a deep, rocky defile at the foot of a gorge.

A German force which attacked Morenga lost eight troopers killed, beside several who were wounded.

Morenga escaped in an eastern direction.

VICTORIA.

STOPPING A SICK STOWAWAY.

MELBOURNE, Monday.

The Norwegian barque Hafrsfjord arrived to-day from Drammen, having on board a stowaway named Johan Johansen, who is suffering from consumption. The captain stated he paid him at Drammen, but Johansen stowed away to avoid compulsory service with the Norwegian navy. Unless the master of the ship entered into a bond that the sick man would not become a charge upon the public, he could not be allowed to land, and up to to-night no such bond had been entered into. The captain proposes to provide separate accommodation for him on board, and to see the Norwegian Consul to-morrow.

DECREASE IN RAILWAY TRAFFIC.

The railway returns for to-day show a considerable falling off as compared with last Easter Monday. The actual decrease was over £000.

LABOUR PARTY'S AIMS.

At the official luncheon in connection with the Labour picnic to-day Mr. Prendergast, leader of the State Labour party, responding for Parliament, pointed out that the Labour party did not wish to tax the producer on the land to-day, because it advocated an exemption of £650. It was also pointed out that whenever occasion arose the Labour party would do its best "to create a market for produce, and to save the producers from the clutches of the middlemen." Producers were also offered the opportunity of becoming members of leagues for the selection of their own candidates for Parliament.

Despite showers that fell early to-day rain cleared off, and the weather that prevailed through the rest of the day did not interfere with the pleasure of holiday-makers, although it remained dull and cloudy. The various pleasure resorts were thronged during the day, and the audiences at the matinee performances at the various theatres were as large as those which are usually found on Saturday nights. In the evening they were in the same happy position, and large numbers of people attended the Exhibition Building, when the final heat of the Druids Wheel Race was contested.

CASUALTIES.

MAIL COACH OVERTURNED.

BATEMAN'S BAY, Monday.

The mail coach from Bateman's Bay to Moruya, driven by J. Tier, capsized yesterday afternoon. Five passengers and the driver were thrown out. One of the passengers was slightly injured and bruised in the head. The accident arose in consequence of one of the horses commencing to kick, and causing the coach to swerve off the road. The horses went down a bank and against a fence, throwing the coach over. The kingbolt was broken, also one of the front wheels.

A RACING ACCIDENT.

COOTAMUNDRA, Monday.

Ernie Southee, while riding in a hack race at the Oddfellows' sports to-day, came in collision with a post. He was severely thrown, and dragged some distance. He sustained severe injuries, and remained unconscious for some time.

COLLISION WITH A MOTOR CAR.

A DOCTOR INJURED.

ADELAIDE, Monday.

Dr. Morris was driving in a motor car round a corner of Carington-street, city, to-night, and came into collision with a two-horse cab. Both horses were killed, and the glass plate in front of the car was smashed to fragments. Dr. Morris's face was much cut, and he is now being attended to in a private hospital.

MURWILLUMBAH, Monday.

John Cahill, 40, labourer, of Tweed Heads, died suddenly yesterday.

MUSICAL COMPETITIONS.

LAUNCESTON, Monday.

The musical and literary competitions commenced to-day in the Albert Hall, in the presence of about 800 persons. Regret was expressed that the competitors from the mainland are few.

Wolfe's Schnapps has become famous on its merits as a stimulant of the finest quality.—Advt.

MR. REID AT PARKES.

INVITATION TO PROTECTIONISTS.

ALLIANCE TO COMBAT SOCIALISM.

BRADDON CLAUSE REPEAL.

FIXED AMOUNT FOR STATES.

WORK, NOT RHETORIC, WANTED.

(FROM OUR SPECIAL REPORTER.)

PARKES, Monday.

In Parkes to-night Mr. Reid faced the biggest audience of his tour. His address was delivered in the large pavilion on the showground, and it was packed to the doors by an enthusiastic but generally orderly crowd, presided over by the Mayor, Alderman S. E. Close.

Mr. Reid plunged into big questions at the very outset, the Braddon clause coming in for primary consideration. He sympathised with the State Premiers in their desire that the bulk of the Customs receipts should find its way into the State coffers. The legitimate expenditure of the Commonwealth on matters within its powers need not drain the Customs revenue from the States for many years to come to any undue extent. At the same time he was opposed to any continuance of the Braddon clause as it stood. He was not now speaking for the party, but simply expressing his own views upon the public questions of the day. There must be some modification of the clause to enable the Commonwealth to move more freely in financial matters. At the Hobart conference he threw out a suggestion which the present Government had taken up, that some fixed amount should be arrived at and distributed among the States—this as a minimum of the amount to be returned. At present, if the Commonwealth desired to establish, as it did, a national system of old-age pensions, it would have to raise through the Customs four times the amount it required for every 5s it wanted. If the States woud agree to the national system and authorise the Commonwealth Government to deduct necessary sums from the share of the States, he might be disposed to let them have the three-fourths as at present for a considerable period. In the absence of such an agreement, and in order to raise the necessary revenue for a national system, he would oppose the unconditional extension of the Braddon clause. One of the advantages of a fixed sum would be the certainty it would impart to the financial systems, both of the States and the Commonwealth. He would not object to an automatic increase in the fixed amount, so as to give the States a continuing share of the increase in revenue, but side by side with that he would insist upon the right to raise special sums for special Commonwealth purposes.

THE IMMIGRATION QUESTION.

Another point he laid the greatest stress upon was a constant endeavour to increase friendly co-operation between the Commonwealth and each of the States. Still another point to which he attached vital importance was a special Commonwealth effort to open up markets throughout the world for the producer of Australia. (Cheers.) There was unlimited scope for a well-directed and inexpensive effort in that direction. Then as he had often said the Commonwealth should strain every nerve to make known the attractiveness of Australia as a virgin field for human enterprise. When they remembered that 45 per cent. of the population of South Australia was centred in the city of Adelaide, that 41 per cent. of the population of Victoria was centred in Melbourne, and that 36 per cent. of the population of New South Wales lived in Sydney, no sensible man would seek to swell the ranks of the city people. Already the cities played the part of an octopus weakening the vitality of the whole continent. The sort of immigration wanted, therefore, was that which would bring more men and more money to the vast problems and lucrative openings which the country's magnificent resources offered. (Cheers.) Mr. Watson drew rather an aristocratic line here, and spoke only of encouraging farmers with capital. They could not have a better class, but he wished to encourage not only farmers, but agricultural labourers also. Millions of acres suitable for the plough could, and would, be cultivated if there were an ample and steady supply of labour of the class he referred to. As a means of attracting population, the Federal Commonwealth had been a ghastly failure. It would take 100 years, at the rate of the past four years, to equal the excess of immigration between 1881-91. In those ten years Australia added 400,000 immigrants to her population. That was at an average rate of 40,000 per year. Since Federation, it had been only 1000 a year. That was 40 times less. Good work in this direction would do more for Australia than many Niagaras of political rhetoric. The recent amending contract labour bill, as introduced, was a political outrage, coming as it did from Mr. Deakin, because it made the opening for our fellow-countrymen in the old land even worse than it was before. Thanks to Mr. Dugald Thomson's amendment, the veto had bee removed, but there was still a black against European white labour, which should be removed, subject always to two precautions—one against deceptive agreements below Australian rates, and the other to prevent the introduction of strike labour. (Cheers.)

THE NORTHERN TERRITORY.

The importance of this became the greater when they remembered the duty of the Commonwealth towards the Northern Territory. He regarded it as the bounden duty of the Federal power to take over that territory. The best fortification against future dangers was the settlement of a large body of persons there. Its pastoral, agricultural, and mineral wealth was magnificent. Labour from the south of Europe, and of course, if possible, by preference from the mother country herself, should be attracted by every possible means to set going its industrial development. Then again he considered it the duty of the Commonwealth to be at least as enterprising and successful in advertising the resources of Australia as any other part of the world has been, even Canada herself.

FEDERAL CAPITAL SITE.

With regard to the capital site, he had done his best to secure the selection of a site at a reasonable distance from Sydney, which was the compact of the Premiers' Conference. The House of Representatives would have made such a selection long ago, but for the unpatriotic votes of a number of the members from our own State. (Cheers.) He was glad to notice that Mr. Watson was now endeavouring to make up for his earlier error, and was working to secure the selection of a better site than Dalgety. He (Mr. Reid) had been forced to take Dalgety as better than the other sites that would have been selected, and he refused to reopen Dalgety until he was assured that such a course would lead to a better result—that was to say, to the selection of a site at a more reasonable distance from Sydney. He was satisfied now that the matter could be re-opened with safety, and that a better site would be chosen. (Cheers.) A number of people would prefer that the capital should be in Sydney. His own view was that if would be idle to raise the question, and that it would only be used in order to delay the establishment of any Federal capital.

POLITICAL TRADE UNIONISM.

Another vital point of public policy was to reverse the malign influence of the Labour parties of Australia, which had embittered the relations between capital and labour. In his view the whole power of the Commonwealth to its full extent should be used to endeavour to re-establish friendly relations between those two mighty industrial factors. The Arbitration Act, which was supposed to have a beneficent intention, and which the Labour party got great credit for supporting, could now be seen to have been really inspired by the design of forcing the non-unionist factor into political trades unions, in order to increase the Labour power over Australian Parliaments. Mr. Watson had thrown a lurid light upon the matter when he said in the Federal Parliament that preference to unionists was the only thing which induced the trades unions to advocate compulsory arbitration. The resignation of his Government over an amendment of the preference clause made the situation even more transparent.

THE ARBITRATION ACT.

The trades unionists had found the State Arbitration Act a bitter disappointment, and so he thought had the general public. (Cheers.) The compulsory settlement of trade disputes by means of adverse verdicts in the place of mutual conciliation, instead of bringing about industrial peace, had thrown all the employers and all the unions into a seething vortex of litigation, strife, and bitterness. (Hear, hear.) He would like to see an amendment of the State Arbitration Act, and so far as he was concerned he would strive strenuously to advocate an amendment of the Federal Arbitration Act, which would erect a chamber of conciliation through which all trade disputes should pass before they came into the chamber of strife and compulsion. He would of course make the president of this chamber of conciliation the same person as the Judge in the Compulsory Jurisdiction Act. Then beneath the velvet glove of conciliation there would be the iron hand of compulsion, because the conciliating Judge would be the person before whom they would have to appear if they failed to arrive at a friendly settlement. It was very instructive to observe what was going on in New Zealand. At the present moment large bodies of trades unionists there were bitterly disappointed with the decision. In some cases they had got less from the court than the employers had voluntarily offered before going into court, and large bodies of employers and trades unionists had gone behind the court and had arrived at settlement by methods of voluntary conciliation. (Cheers.) These facts bore very strongly upon the suggestion which he had made. Speaking for himself again, because he knew some of his party differed from him, he would take out of the Federal Arbitration Act any provision it contained which called upon any Judge to distinguish one man's right to employment and another man's right to work.

MATTERS WANTING ATTENTION.

Then he was strongly in favour of the establishment of an agricultural bureau for the whole Commonwealth. This was one of the prominent features of the policy of the Reid-M'Lean Administration. He thought such a department might give immense help of a practical and invaluable character to our producers. The Bureau of Agriculture in the United States was one of the noblest models that any civilised community could endeavour to realise. In the case of Australia the field of usefulness was illimitable. As was well known, the Federation had the power of passing uniform laws relating to trade, banking, insurance, and insolvency. He thought that the Federal Parliament could not do any much more useful work than make the laws on those subjects uniform. The present state of many of those matters was highly unsatisfactory, and there was great scope for an improved law to establish equal conditions throughout Australia.

TAXATION.

Upon the question of taxation his policy remained that which was adopted, not only by his own party, but also by the Barton-Deakin Government. He also believed the policy to be that of the present Deakin Administration. The policy referred to was that of leaving direct taxation to the individual States, except in cases of national emergency. An emergency might arise, especially in connection with our defence which would tax our resources to the utmost, but so far as the ordinary affairs of government were concerned the inconvenience of having, say, two sets of income taxes in two sets of land taxes was apparent. As he read the Constitution, they had no right to tax the people in connection with any matter not within the sphere of that Constitution. Mr. Watson's progressive land tax of several twopences in the pound, not as he admits for revenue purposes, but for the purpose of bringing about closer settlement in the States, would, in his opinion, be a gross abuse of the powers of the Constitution. (Hear hear.) To the socialists it would have a great recommendation, because it would bring down the value of land, and reduce, therefore, the amount the socialist Government would have to pay when it nationalised the land. He regarded closer settlement as one of the greatest and wisest things we could undertake. (Cheers.) He looked upon it as the most pressing question for the States to-day, certainly in Victoria and New South Wales, but just as the land was within the jurisdiction of the States, so was the policy of closer settlement. Any attempt on the part of the Federal Parliament to introduce unnecessary taxes not for any honest purpose of taxation, but in order to interfere in the legitimate province of the States, whose land it was, and whose duty it was, would in his opinion be unjustifiable (Cheers.)

INVITATION TO PROTECTIONISTS.

On the question of the tariff he had already defined his position clearly. He asked the Australian protectionists to unite with him against a dangerous national enemy, which was seeking to set class against class in order to indulge in the wildest industrial project ever broached by responsible politicians in a civilised community. He asked those who believed in liberty and equality and in the free play of private enterprise and in the right of every man to enjoy the fruits of his own industry to rally round his standard in order to stamp out at once a fire which if allowed to spread might involve all the fair prospects and unequalled opportunities of their fair young land in a direful and destructive conflagration. (Cheers.) Before passing on to socialism, Mr. Reid said that he had noticed by the papers that the Labour party had cut themselves completely adrift from all other parties, and had refused offers from the Deakinites and the Isaacites, and the rest. "It shows they are straight out," yelled someone at the back.

"Just so; and I admire them for it," said Mr. Reid. "It makes a good straight fight of it." There was a pause. Then he drawled, "And I can tell you it suits me down to the ground." The audience roared. Mr. Reid devoted the remainder of his time to socialism, which he treated in a particularly happy vein; and he carried the audience completely with him. The effective manner in which he dealt with one or two aggressive questioners seemed to make a fitting ending to the most strikingly successful meeting of the tour.

THE WEATHER.

Another warm day was experienced yesterday, the maximum shade temperature recorded at the Observatory being 85 degrees. A northerly wind prevailed during the day, but at about 9.30 in the evening a cool southerly sprang up.

Complete reports received yesterday show that unsettled conditions developed over the southern districts on Saturday afternoon, and later extended towards the north-west as far as the Darling River. Light rainfall resulted generally over the south-western slopes, the quantities varying from 1 to 14 points there, and also at four isolated places in the Western Division, the heaviest fall being 17 points recorded at Ivanhoe.

At 9 a.m. yesterday the sky was more or less cloudy throughout the State, while the temperature had risen generally. The rise was most marked in the south coastal ports, where the thermometers yesterday morning registered from 5 to 10 degrees higher than at the same hour on Saturday, while Jervis Bay showed an increase of 15 degrees.

The Acting Government Meteorologist says that very little change has taken place in pressure distribution over the State since Saturday. Present indications favour warm and unsettled weather, with scattered thunderstorms. The winds will be variable, but chiefly NW to W, veering later to SW. Probably a short-lived southerly squall will be experienced on the coast.

COMMERCIAL TRAVELLERS' ASSOCIATION.

EXEMPTION AS JURORS.

ADELAIDE, Monday.

The Commercial Travellers' Conference concluded to-day. Mr. G. Wright (N.S.W.) moved: "That this conference takes united action in endeavouring to obtain an exemption for commercial travellers from serving on juries." He emphasised the extreme inconvenience occasioned to travellers who were engaged in country trips when called upon to serve upon juries. Mr. J. Wallace (N.S.W.) seconded the motion, which was carried. The president moved: "That the hearty congratulations of the united association be conveyed to the Commercial Travellers' Association of Queensland on the occasion of the erection of their new club building." The vice-president, Mr. E. Berry, seconded the motion, which was heartily supported by delegates from several States, and carried. After discussion it was decided that the time for holding the annual conference remain at Easter. Mr. W. P. Hogarth (Vic.) was elected president; Mr. A. W. Jack (Vic.) secretary, and Mr. E. G. Balding (Vic.) treasurer. It was decided to hold the next conference in Melbourne.

EASTER MANŒUVRES.

ATTACK ON SYDNEY.

DEFENCE OF THE HEADS.

CRUISERS AND TORPEDO BOATS REPELLED.

The most important operations of the Artillery Engineers and Submarine Miners engaged in the defence of Port Jackson, and encamped at South and Middle Heads and Chowder Bay, were carried out yesterday in the form of a tactical scheme illustrating an attack on Sydney Heads, and a successful defence. The general work of this, the first line of defence, does not appeal to the public in the same way as massed bodies of infantry and cavalry do, but when it comes to a demonstration of the effectiveness of the big and smaller quick-firing guns at the Heads a crowd of sightseers is always in evidence. Although the operations commenced at an early hour yesterday morning it was not long before small knots of visitors lined the cliffs overlooking the ocean, and as the different phases were reached they manifested considerable interest in the work of the man behind the gun.

Boom!—boom! the rattle of quick-firers and loud reports of smaller ordnance gave a realistic effect to this mimic battle in defence of Sydney.

The Coogee, Bondi, and Signal Hill batteries are mounted with powerful 9.2 B.L. disappearing guns, and these were the centre of attention. Then the 6-inch B.L. batteries at Inner South Head, Inner Middle Head, and George's Heights, and the 6-pdr. Hotchkiss, Q.F., and 1½-inch Nordenfelts at George's Heights, South Head, and Green Point, all lent their assistance in repelling an attack of what was supposed to be a somewhat powerful cruiser squadron.

The whole of these operations culminated in the work of the Submarine Miners, who discharged a mine when one of the imaginary vessels was passing over the area made active. This spectacular finale was appropriately carried out, and had the vessel been one of ordinary dimensions it would have found a watery grave. Some hundreds of tons of water were displaced, and as it rose 100ft into the air in fantastic shape it clearly demonstrated the death-dealing capacity of the sunken mine.

AN EXPECTED ATTACK.

The scheme which had been prepared provided for all sections of the troops engaged in the defence work. It was assumed that the local command of the sea had been temporarily lost, and that information had been received that a hostile cruiser squadron, accompanied by a number of other vessels—probably transports and colliers—had passed through Torres Straits on the 5th inst., steering southward, and would probably be off Sydney on Monday, the 16th inst.

At about 5 a.m. the target parties told off for manipulating the counterfeit presentments of the enemy were engaged in preparing the targets. One was an old-fashioned "record target" some 30ft by 12ft, of great weight, and of obsolete pattern, the task of placing it in position occasioned a regrettable delay. Ultimately—about 7.30 a.m.—it was moored in a position some 5000yds distant from the forts, it showed plainly and distinctly in the clear morning light, and therefore no time was lost in commencing the firing. The first gun was fired from the 6-inch battery at Middle Head, the two sets of land taxes was apparent. As the two guns at Inner South Head, and Major Hall, No. 2 Company, occupied a similar position at Middle Head. The battery commanders were:—Captain Rosenthal at South Head, Captain Cowlishaw at George's Heights, and Captain Warren at Middle Head. Lieutenant-Colonel Stanley, O.C.A.F., acted as chief umpire, and was assisted by Captain Ryrie and Lieutenants Hurst and Sweetland.

AN UNFORESEEN RESULT.

Two rounds from a 6in b.l. gun at South Head burst up just in front of the target, giving the effect of a magnificently laid and judged round of shrapnel. That, however, was not the effect intended, and was probably due to the projectile being of ancient pattern, obsolete in character, and only used for practice purposes. This completed the first phase of the proceedings.

Notice of the commencement of the second phase was conveyed by telephone to the Sectional Commander (Lieutenant-Colonel Leslie), and the signal immediately hoisted. In this phase the hostile cruisers were supposed to have approached the coast at a shorter range from the north. The accompanying transports were supposed to have become detached, and were proceeding south. It was assumed that an endeavour would be made by the cruisers to create a diversion with a view to effecting a landing from the transports. All guns were therefore ordered to be directed at the cruisers as they came within range. These orders were passed by the sectional commander to the fire commander, and on to the battery commanders, who were responsible for the direction of the fire. Fire was opened by the 6in guns on Middle Head, followed by those on South Head and Bondi. In all cases the direction for line was perfect, and so far as they could be judged from a rapid examination of the range report the present records are expected to disclose a large proportion of hits.

EXAMINATION EXPERIMENTS.

It was during this phase that a rehearsal of the regulations for the control of the traffic in defended posts in time of war were put into practice. Lieutenant Stephens, of the Commonwealth naval forces, embarked in the pilot steamer Captain Cook, from which vessel he carried out the duties of examining officer. In this connection three experiments were tried—with a friendly, a doubtful, and a hostile vessel. The prescribed procedure in each case was conducted satisfactorily, but owing to a misunderstanding some time was lost owing to the Captain Cook keeping too close to the suspected craft, and thus interfering with the practice.

The next phase consisted of a raid by torpedo craft, and methods for meeting it. The display showed that any invading flotilla would meet with a very hot reception, the shooting so far as it could be judged by the umpire being well aimed, and a satisfactory range of fire being maintained.

A UNIQUE DISPLAY.

The last and spectacular phase of the proceedings consisted of a target being towed over a minefield in the vicinity of the Sow and Pigs. This display was marred by an accident by which the small flag indicating the position of the E.O. mine was knocked out of position. As a consequence, that which was expected to have been the dramatic conclusion to an excellent day's proceedings failed in its main object—the total destruction of the large target which was towed over the field. The removal of the flag enabled the target to escape destruction by a few feet only, but the great displacement of water showed clearly the terrible character of the mine when skilfully worked. The water shot into the air to the height of about 100ft, and was responsible for the death of a large number of fish, which were seen to be floating on the recently disturbed surface.

The whole of the proceedings were under the control of Lieutenant-Colonel Lester, V.D., A.G.A. (sectional commander), upon whom the same responsibility would rest in time of actual warfare. Major De Gruisy, No. 1 Company, was fire commander at South Head, and Major Hall, No. 2 Company, occupied a similar position at Middle Head. The battery commanders were:—Captain Rosenthal at South Head, Captain Cowlishaw at George's Heights, and Captala Warren at Middle Head. Lieutenant-Colonel Stanley, O.C.A.F., acted as chief umpire, and was assisted by Captain Ryrie and Lieutenants Hurst and Sweetland.

TACTICAL SCHEME AT LIVERPOOL.

THE WATER SUPPLY THREATENED.

VOLUNTEERS MARCH OUT.

(FROM OUR SPECIAL REPORTER.)

LIVERPOOL, Monday.

The Easter training is no picnic. This fact is to be strongly impressed by all in camp at Liverpool. After the first few days under canvas there remained a few in the volunteer and militia regiments who maintained that the work was decidedly easy, and that "they do it on their head all the year round." That idea, however, has been banished for ever by the manoeuvres done last night and to-day. Business was started at 2 o'clock this morning, at which hour the infantry brigade left camp to take up an outpost position about five miles from Liverpool. This they occupied until 10 o'clock, when they were relieved by the first brigade, who were then ordered to swing round and take up another position. The militia effected this work at 4 o'clock, and then returned to camp. The Light Horse Brigade were exercised in a tactical scheme in the morning, and had brigade drill in the afternoon. At night the volunteers struck camp and marched out.

OUTPOST WORK.

Sharp at 2 o'clock the volunteers were ready to move out to their positions. The morning was beautifully clear. After leaving the camping ground the men proceeded to the intersection of Hoxton Park and Cowpasture roads. Here they received information from the officer of the Light Horse screen that he was not confident that he could delay the evening's advance on the Sydney water supply until 7 o'clock. The Volunteer Brigade thereupon set about establishing a line of outposts with its left at Carne's Hill and its right on a road bounding the Hinchinbrook paddock for the purpose of guarding the channel. It was originally intended that the paddock should also be guarded, but the force was not deemed strong enough, and line was curtailed. The position was fully occupied by the time arranged, and from that out until they were relieved the Volunteers were harassed by a body of University Scouts, who were detailed to act as the enemy. The outpost work was well carried out, for with the exception of one instance, none of the enemy crossed the water channel. In this case there was some misunderstanding as to the area of hostilities, and four of the scouts slipped round the flank and captured an officer and two men.

The militia brigade, under Lieutenant-Colonel Waddell, V.D., moved out to relieve the volunteers directly after breakfast. At quarter to 7 o'clock the advance guard, four companies of First Regiment, under Major Watson, left the camp, followed by the rest of the four regiments. It was ordered that the brigade should be in the direction of Hoxton Park and Cowpasture roads at 8.30 a.m., and so well timed was the march that the advance guard reached there at 8.27 a.m., closely followed by the other units. At this point the troops were deployed. It was intended that at 9 o'clock the brigade would be ordered to relieve the outposts, but orders to that effect did not reach the Brigadier till nearly 10 o'clock. Then the First and Second Regiments took the place of the volunteers, who marched to camp, arriving there about 3 o'clock. The Third and Fourth Regiments formed the reserve. This concluded the first phase of the scheme.

At noon word was received that the advance of the enemy on the channel was only a feint, and that a strong attack was to be made on Carne's Hill, which was held by Lieutenant-Colonel Mailarky, with the Second Regiment. As a new defence, the Brigadier swung the seconds round to meet the enemy, and ordered up the Third and Fourth Regiments to prolong the line, while the First Regiment was brought in to act as a general reserve. The new line covered a front from Carne's Hill to the junction of the Great Southern road and Bringelly road. On the completion of the scheme the Brigadier rode along the line, and afterwards stated that the work was well carried out, the ground being well covered, and the continuity of the line being perfect. The reserve, too, was well placed, while the officers and men showed an excellent knowledge of the work required of them.

A special feature of the manoeuvres was the work done by the Army Medical Corps and the signallers under Lieutenant Millard, of the Fourth Regiment. The red cross men were particularly active. At the reserve base they lost no time in building a large shelter shed, with boughs and bushes, which was used as a receiving station, while a quarter of a mile away a field hospital. Rapidly very little advantage was taken of the arrangements. There were a few cases of exhaustion, which were treated, the patients being brought back to camp in the waggons. General Gordon in his inspection of the hospitals was much impressed with the admirable preparations made for the wounded. The signallers did excellent work, being constantly in touch with the positions occupied by various units. The Fourth Regiment men were especially smart in sending and receiving messages, and completely outshone the other regiments.

During the whole of the manoeuvres General Gordon was on the spot watching the work being done. Major-General Finn, Inspector-General of the Commonwealth Forces, paid a flying visit on the second day of operations. Mr. J. C. Watson, M.P., was also an interested spectator of some of the work. Both the District Commandant and the Inspector-General left Liverpool during the afternoon for Sydney, where they will see the trial of the harbour defences. General Gordon travelled to the metropolis in Mr. Hordern's motor car, which was extensively used for staff purposes throughout the day. The District Commandant will visit National Park to-morrow to inspect the R.A.A., returning to Liverpool in the evening.

THE LIGHT HORSE.

The Light Horse Brigade carried out a special tactical scheme. At half-past 9 the 2nd Regiment, under Major Eveilly, left the camp and took up a strong position three miles out. The 1st Regiment, commanded by Lieutenant-Colonel Cox, followed, and endeavoured to force the second back. This, however, they failed to accomplish. In the afternoon brigade drill was gone through. During the manoeuvres one of the troopers was rolled on by his horse, which fell. A section of the mounted bearer company of the Army Medical Corps was in attendance, and the injured man was removed to the field hospital, where it was found that he was not seriously hurt, although badly bruised. To-night Colonel Burns leaves for Goulburn to inspect the Light Horse. During his absence his place will be taken by Lieutenant-Colonel Vernon. To-morrow the brigade will be taken to Bankstown for reconnoitring work.

VOLUNTEERS MARCH OUT.

After retiring from outpost work the volunteers struck camp, and in the evening entertainments were given by their bands. The regiments marched to the station through crowds of cheering citizens. As they boarded the trains those on the platform made the place ring with "Auld Lang Syne" and other expressions of goodwill.

THE BRIGADIER SATISFIED.

Major Simpson, Brigade Major, of the New South Wales Volunteer Infantry Brigade, in a camp order to-night, says: "The Brigadier desires, on the conclusion of the period of training of the Volunteer Infantry Brigade, to express his complete satisfaction with the manner in which all ranks have carried out their duties. The brigade is to be congratulated on the largest muster that there has ever been. The Brigadier considers that the arrangements of the Army Service Corps were very complete, and the unit deserves the thanks of the brigade."

AUSTRALIAN FIELD ARTILLERY.

AT NATIONAL PARK.

The four batteries of Australian Field Artillery, numbering 300, which are under canvas at National Park, had practically an off day yesterday. There was the usual gun drill, under Captain Miles in the forenoon, the afternoon being pleasantly spent in receiving visitors and doing the honours of the camp. About 5000 people availed themselves of the extraordinarily cheap excursions to National Park provided by the Railway Department, and reached the camp after a pleasant walk of about half a mile. The men are greatly enjoying their stay in camp, which is rendered doubly valuable by the lectures which Major Coxen gives to those who are not out with the guns.

The spectacular days of the encampment are yet to come. To-day the members of the country corps will take part in a shooting competition, and the camp will be inspected by Brigadier-General Gordon. On Wednesday there will be another inspection by Major-General Finn. Meanwhile the men are putting in very useful work, and fill a busy day between 6 a.m., when reveille is sounded, and 9 p.m., when the bugle sounds "lights out." The camp is under the command of Colonel Wells, who has every reason to be proud of the fine body of men under him.

ARTILLERY ENCAMPMENT AT NEWCASTLE.

NEWCASTLE, Monday.

The artillery encampment at Newcastle was continued to-day, when the men were put through a number of drills, and exercised in the use of the big guns in the forts. In the forenoon squad and company drills were gone through to the satisfaction of the commanding officer, Lieutenant Kirkaldy, V.D. During the afternoon the breech-loading guns were manned, and a course of shooting practice engaged in, the target being moored just inside the northern breakwater. The records disclosed that the shooting on the whole was excellent, despite the fact that a thick veil of haze overhung the target and to some extent obscured the marksmen's aim. In the evening a lecture on "Military Tactics" was given by one of the officers.

GOULBURN.

GOULBURN, Monday.

This morning the troops in camp were marched out of town, and presented a fine sight as they rode through the streets, headed by a mounted band. Colonel Ryrie put the men through drill, good work being done, and Colonel Mackay gave the troops their field training, and also examined Lieutenants Betts, Allsopp, Russell, W. Ryrie, and Cooper, who wished to qualify for a superior grade. Stretcher drill was performed by members of the band in a manner which elicited the highest encomiums of the medical officers. Trooper Doyle, who was injured on Saturday, is improving.

TASMANIA.

HOBART, Monday.

Easter encampments, notwithstanding the heavy rain and gale on Sunday, were effectively continued until to-day, and all officers in command speak highly of the men and the general arrangements. The Governor visited the camps at Fort Alexandra and Kingston to-day.

SYDNEY CUP.

NOREEN'S VICTORY.

HIGH CARNIVAL AT RANDWICK.

A RECORD ATTENDANCE.

MERRY JEST WINS THE STEEPLECHASE.

COLLARIT IN BRILLIANT FORM.

BANZAI SECURES THE NURSERY.

The greatest horse-racing event in the New South Wales calendar for 1906—the Sydney Cup—is past and gone. An enormous crowd bears the memory of a jungle—a thick jungle—of beautiful horses, and their jockeys in blazing colours of silk; a jungle that now thinned out a little in the distant prospect, now closed again. Out on the far side of the course they closed once more, and, though the impassive Kerr-Pearse, and Mr. Share, arrived before lunch, and remained during the greater part of the afternoon, his Excellency being entertained at luncheon by the members of the A.J.C. committee. Lady Northcote were a handsome dress in palest shades of pink, covered with lace and inlet with bands of pink insertion, and a toque of pink roses. Miss Drummond was in white, with a black and white hat. Mrs. Finn wore a checked taffeta silk, with pleated frills of fawn-coloured silk

the Maiden Stakes were saddled up, and the well-bred two-year-old, The Castaway, was installed favourite, while the Trussing Cup gelding Amphora was a strong second favourite. When they settled down to race Grand Somnus took charge, and carried his field along to the seven furlongs post, where he was joined by Hesper, who kept him company for a couple of furlongs and then beat a retreat. Grand Somnus held his place until heads were turned for home, when he retired, leaving Baeram, at the head of affairs. Here Kirinnor, who had acted as whipper-in to the home turn, came with a brilliant run on the rails, and inside the distance was almost upsides with Baeram, but the latter, finishing with great gameness, passed the post a winner by a very narrow margin, while the favourite was beaten out of a place. Baeram is by Grafton from Tarkie, by Antaeus from Memah, by Grand Flaneur, and was bred by his owner.

Jack Smith and Lady Evelyn were the only malcontents for the Champagne Stakes, for which the field was one short of a dozen. After the exhibition he made of his field in the Sires' Produce Stakes on Saturday backers laid odds of 7 to 4 on Collarit; Antenious was the marketable 6 to 1 chance, while at a couple of points longer odds Disaster and Galeria had friends, but there was no demand for the others. Soon after the rise of the barrier the favourite dashed out, and gradually opening up a gap of daylight, was four lengths clear of the half-mile post, increasing his advantage to six lengths at the home turn. After the distance had been cast behind Barden commenced to raise up the favourite and, simultaneously, Corfey called upon Antonious, who responded generously, and, finishing with a brilliant dash, was overhauling the favourite at every stride, but Barden woke up to the situation inside the half-distance, and, sending the favourite along, just managed to reach the post a neck in advance of Antonious, while the Victorian colt Benbow was a poor third, and Disaster, who ran no well on Saturday, finished near the end of the procession.

Zenda was the only defection from the list for the Sydney Cup, leaving 19 to take part in the two miles contest. The betting on the race was very brisk, and the over-night favourite, Scot Free, held his place in the market right up to the rise of the barrier, when 6 to 1 was the best price obtainable. Gladsome advanced to the position of second favourite, while Little Toy and Noreen were firm at 8 to 1. Oasian and Proceed had each a large following, while Boabdil, Duke of Melton, and Maniapoto were the best-backed of the others. Taken as a whole, the field was a well-conditioned one, and little time was cut to waste at the post. Mr. Mackellar sent them away in line, which was quickly broken by Gladsome, who, however, was soon steadied, and then they had settled into their places Refrain took up the running from Fitz-Grafton and Maniapoto, whom he piloted round the first bend, while Scot Free and Clyde were bunched a similar distance further back, and the three last were Lord Ullin's Daughter, Tartan, and Zepho. still increasing his lead along the back stretch, the New Zealander was four lengths clear at the seven furlongs post, after passing the point Noreen, Fitz-Grafton, and Marvel Loch closed on him, and at the half-mile the quartet were almost in line. A little further on Marvel Loch took charge from her half-sister, Fitz-Grafton, Boabdil, and Proceed, but nearing the home turn the Queenslander faded out of it, and at the completion of the circuit Gladsome, Lord Ullin's Daughter, and Tartan began to show prominently on the rails. Marvel Loch had enough ere the distance was reached, and beat a retreat, leaving Noreen at the head of affairs, with Boabdil, Proceed, and Scot Free in close order. Inside the distance, Noreen swerved out, crossing Boabdil and Proceed, who in turn interfered with Gladsome inside the half-distance, but holding her own, True Blue's daughter passed before the judge's line of vision a length in front of Proceed, who cut Boabdil out of second money by a similar distance, while Gladsome, who ran a great mare, finished at Boabdil's girths The favourite shaped very badly. Momentarily he joined the leading division at the five furlongs' post, but quickly beat a retreat, and was not again sighted. Little Toy was also a bad disappointment, as she never gave his supporters the slightest hope. Ossman, too, proved a costly horse to his party, and was never prominent in the race. Duke of Melton ran well for a mile and a quarter, and then faded out of it, and Fitz-Grafton did much the same thing at the eight. Oasian expected after the poor show he made in the Doncaster Handicap. For a mile and a half Maniapoto practically cut out the running, but failed to finish. On returning to scale a protest on the ground of interference was lodged against Noreen, and the matter occupied the attention of nearly the stewards for o'clock, when its dismissal was notified to the waiting public. Noreen is a half-sister, by True Blue, son of Hotchkiss, to Marvel Loch, her dam, Marvelette, being by Marvellous from Contessa, by Gemma di Vergy from a mare, by Euclid—Arthur—from Messenger, by Satellite (Arab), and was bred by Mr. John M'Masters, of Binnia station. She ran unsuccessfully as a two-year-old, and her best performance the following season was second to Heracles in a three-year-old handicap, at Centerbury Park in August, but went wrong in her preparation for the Metropolitan, after winning in the Hawkesbury Handicap, with the minimum impost. During the current season, she won the Parramatta Mile at the Rosehill meeting last month, and ran third in the Doncaster Handicap on Saturday. Proceed, second, was bred by Mr. James Wilson, senior, and is by imported Pilgrim's Progress from Progression, by Newminster from Progressive, by Pregress. He was not raced as a two-year-old, but the following season won successfully under his owner's colours, after which he went into the hands of his present owner. He started three times as a four-year-old without capturing a race, but, last season, he lost his maiden certificate in the Town Plate at Wallsend, and in December last was successful over the same course. The sensational gallop at Randwick last week brought him into the betting for the Cup, and he made a very bold bid for the valuable prize. Boabdil, who filled third position, was bred by his owner, Mr. James Wilson, junior, at the Bonny Vale Stud (Vic.), and is by Boabdil—son of Bill of Portland, by St. Simon—from Circle, by Carbine from Yarley (imp.), by Sterling. Boabdil opened his winning career as a two-year-old in the South Yarra Handicap at Caulfield last season, he won the Birthday Handicap at Flemington, and the Richmond Handicap at Caulfield, while during the current season he secured the Munsie Stakes at the latter course. With such speedy customers as Maniapoto and Marvel Loch to make the running, the pace was solid all the way, and the time—3m 29⅘—is only 2⅘ behind the record put up last year by Tartan.

As usual, the cross country event furnished its chapter of accidents, only three of the seven starters finishing the course. Verger had the market call, Auriculum and Up-to-date being the best backed of the others. Rise Up fell over the first obstacle, and Auriculum piloted his field over the hill for the first time, but gave place to Snowstorm at the logs near the old Derby corner, where Verger came down heavily. The old grey flew the treble in front of the stand, but came down over the logs near Oxenham's, and ended his career; while the Victorian horse, Baronet, came to grief over the same obstacle. This left Up-to-date, Merry Jest, and Auriculum to battle it out for the prize, and the trio remained in close company until the fence near Kensington was crossed; then Auriculum began to tire, and Merry Jest, heading the New Zealander as they negotiated the final obstacle, scored easily at the end. When Verger hit the log he injured his near stifle so badly that it is doubtful if he will race again. Baronet pulled up lame, but Rise Up was not hurt, and the riders escaped injury, though Regan had a close call when Verger came down on top of him.

A dozen took the track for the First Nursery Handicap, and there was most money for the Victorian colt, Jack Smith. Bansal was next fancied, and there were backers for Arcturus and Electron, while long prices could be had about the others. As they jumped out of the barrier Arcturus lost his rider, and Electron, who took up the running, soon retired in favour of Yabba Gabba, who, with Electron, Gaby, and Epic in her wake, rattled along in front until nearing the distance, where Bansal put in his claim, which him past the post. The winner is by Grafton from Helene, by Marvellous from Scandal, by Barbarian, and was bred by Mr. H. S. Thompson. In the battle between the ringmen and backers the latter had a trifle the better of the deal.

The details of the racing are subjoined:—

FLYING HANDICAP of 5 sovs each, with 250 sovs added; second 50 sovs, and third 25 sovs. 6f.

Messrs. Nettlefold and Price's br h Machine Gun, by Hotchkiss—Bubbina, 5yrs, 10st 12lb (J. Chevalley) 1
Mr. J. J. Macken's br f (Clonsilla, by Escutcheon—Hautesse, 3yrs, 8st 11lb (C. Barden) 2
Mr. Stirling's ch g Conjuror (imp.), by Callipraxis—Tragedy, aged, 7st 6lb (R. W. Brennan) 3

Other starters: Airloch, 8st 9lb (A. Hood); Sir Richard, 8st 11lb (J. Mandeno, 6st 11lb (A. C. Thomas); Truce, 8st 6lb (C. Bolton); Sleeper, 8st 6lb (N. Godby); Rightful, 8st 3lb (T. Corbyn); Chanson d'Or, 8st 3lb (F. Bullock); Magazine, 7st 12lb (T. Clayton); Vandalism, 7st 8lb (J. Nerme); Harvest Lad, 7st 6lb (W. H. Smith); Position, 7st 5lb (D. McCowan); Mutation, 7st 5lb (E. Huxley); Barrenjoey, 7st 5lb (R. Brennan); Epic, 7st 12lb (F. Hickey); Blanks, 7st 5lb (E. Turner); Gay Girl, 7st 5lb (D. Callinan); Bundah, 6st 10lb (F. Connelly); Quibble, 6st 13lb (H. Doyle).

Betting: 4 to 1 v Machine Gun, 6 to 1 each v Clonsilla, Gay Girl, and Mutation, 7 to 1 v Airloch, 8 to 1 v Sleeper, 10 to 1 v Bundah, 12 to 1 each v Bundah and Position, 14 to 1 v Cardoon, 15 to 1 v Harvest Lad, 20 to 1 each v Truce, Condor, and Magazine, 25 to 1 v others.

Machine Gun, Sleeper, and Bundah broke the line, while Quibble was the last to get going. Passing the five furlongs post Machine Gun was just in advance of Sleeper and Magazine, with Airlock next, followed by Mutation, and Quibble still in the rear. Bundah and Mutation took temporary command from the New Zealander and Magazine at the half-mile post, and they were followed by Airlock, Cardoon, Sleeper, and Sir Richard. Coming round the bend Machine Gun resumed his place at the head of affairs a neck in front of Mutation, who was closely followed by Bundah, Magazine, and Cardoon, after whom succeeded Condor, Airlock, and Sir Richard, with Truce at the tail of the main body, and Quibble still acting as whipper-in. Machine Gun and Mutation swept into the straight clear from Cardoon, Condor, and Airlock, but the favourite forged ahead at the distance from Mutation, Cardoon, Condor, and Magazine, while Clonsilla was coming very fast in the centre of the field, but the New Zealander, carrying his weight in fine style, strolled off the Exeter from fifty, and beat her by a head, with Condor a similar distance off, third. Then half a length away in a bunch came Magazine, Cardoon, Handsome, and Mutation, followed by Sleeper, Harvest Lad, and Airlock, with Blanks and Sir Richard acting as whippers-in. Time, 1m 18⅘.

MAIDEN STAKES of 5 sovs each, with 250 sovs added; the second 50 sovs, and third 25 sovs. 1¼m.

Mr. T. Payten's b c Baeraml, by Grafton (imp.)—Tarkie, 3yrs, 7st, claimed 8lb (T. Lamond) 1
Mr. W. J. Newham's ch c Kirrinor, 3yrs, 7st (R. W. Brennan) 2
Mr. W. Brown's br g Amphora, 5yrs, 7st 13lb (W. H. Smith) 3

Other starters: Hesper, 6st 4lb (N. Godby); Grand Somnus, 8st 2lb (C. Bolton); Lerraka, 8st 2lb (C. Haseld); Belle Blue, 8st (A. Hood); Mr. Boffin, 7st (J. Collins); Marvel Loch, 7st (A. Gatsney).

Betting: 6 to 4 v The Castaway, 7 to 2 v Amphora, 6 to 1 v Baeraml, 7 to 1 each v Hesper and Belle Blue, 10 to 1 v others.

The Castaway, Grand Somnus, and Belle Blue were smartest off the mark, and when fairly going Grand Somnus drew out a length from Belle Blue, The Castaway, and Mr. Boffin, who were followed by Hesper. When they reached the mile post Mr. Boffin ran up next the leader, but at the end of the next furlong Hesper joined Grand Somnus in the lead, the pair being a length in advance of The Castaway, who was succeeded by Mr. Boffin, Belle Blue, and Hesper, with Kirrinor and Amphora at the tail of the hunt. In that order they ran to the five furlongs post, where Grand Somnus drew out a length from Hesper and The Castaway, with the others closing up; and so they swept past the half-mile, where Kirrinor was acting as whipper-in. Coming round the bend Baeraml ran up to the girths of Grand Somnus, Hesper and Belle Blue following, and so they swung into the home stretch. Grand Somnus faded out of it before reaching the distance, leaving Baeraml in front from Hesper, Belle Blue, and Mr. Boffin, who came very fast; and, tackling Baeraml at the half-distance, an exciting finish ensued, but Baeraml gained the judge's verdict by a head, while Kirrinor ran a length in front of Amphora. The Castaway was three lengths further back, followed by Hesper and Belle Blue; while Lerraka and Mr. Boffin were the last to get home. Time, 2m 40⅘.

CHAMPAGNE STAKES, a sweepstake of 20 sovs each, with 750 sovs added; second 150 sovs, and third 75 sovs; for two-year-olds.

Mr. J. H. Crick's br c Collarit, by Haut Brion (imp.)—Collarette, 8st 6lb, including 10lb penalty (J. Barden) 1
Mr. J. Munster's b c Antonious, by Sir Foote (imp.)—Antonia, 8st 6lb, including 10lb penalty (M. Cotter) 2
Mr. E. E. D. Clarke's b c Benbow, by Grafton (imp.)—Sequel, 8st 10lb (R. Lewis) 3

Other starters: Disaster, 9st 2lb, including 7lb penalty (W. H. Smith); Hapsburg, 8st 10lb (E. Huxley); Rampart, 8st 10lb (N. Godby); Florance, 8st 10lb (A. Hood); Possession, 8st 10lb (T. Clayton); Galeria, 8st 8lb (G. Ross); L'Aiglon, 8st 8lb, including 1lb over (A. Rayworth).

Betting: 7 to 4 on Collarit, 6 to 1 v Antonious, 6 to 1 v Benbow, 10 to 1 v Disaster, 20 to 1 v others.

Hapsburg and Collarit jumped off in front, while Florance was the last to get going. When they had settled down to their places Collarit was leading by a length from Port Arthur, L'Aiglon was a similar distance further back, followed by Florance, Benbow, and Galeria, while Hapsburg had dropped back last. Drawing further away from the field, the advantage to five lengths from Port Arthur at the half-mile post, and the son of Haut Brion came round the bend with six lengths' lead from Port Arthur, Benbow two lengths further back, with Florance at his side. Then on close terms came Antonious, L'Aiglon, and Galeria, with Hapsburg still at the tail of the hunt. Without change they entered the straight and ran to the distance, where Collarit was about five lengths clear of his field; but the favourite, taking it easily from that point, Antonious came with a brilliant run, and was overhauling Collarit at every stride. The latter, however, kept going, and got home by a neck from Antonious, who was nearly half a dozen lengths in advance of Benbow, who finished third, a similar distance from the latter, was a head further back, and five lengths clear from Poseidon, after whom came Disaster and Port Arthur, with L'Aiglon last. Time, 1m 16⅘.

SYDNEY CUP,

Of 20 sovs. each, with 2000 sovs. added; second 300 sovs., and third 150 sovs. from the prize. 2m.

Mr. T. Payten's b c Marvellous, by Grafton—Marvelette, 4yrs, 6st 7lb (D. Callinan) 1
Mr. Jos. Brown's b g PROCEED, by Pilgrim's Progress (imp.)—Progression, 6yrs, 6st 7lb (W. Foulkes) 2
Mr. Jas. Wilson, jun.'s, b or br h BOABDIL, by Boabdil—Circle, 4yrs, 8st 3lb (F. Bullock) 3

Other starters: Tartan, 8st 13lb (T. Clayton); Marvel Loch, 9st 4lb (A. Hood); FitzGrafton, 9st 2lb (C. Bolton); Gladsome, 8st 12lb (N. Godby); Maniapoto, 8st 10lb (E. Turner); Lord Ullin's Daughter, 8st 10lb (F. Hickey); Tatterdemalion, 8st 4lb (D. Lee); Scot Free, 8st 4lb (H. Coffey); Oasian, 7st 13lb (F. Loseby); Reycroft, 7st 12lb (H. Murphy); Clyde, 7st 9lb (R. W. Brennan); Duke of Melton (imp.), 7st 3lb (W. H. Smith); Cakewalk, 7st 2lb (A. Gilmore); Refrain, 7st (J. Hickey); Noreen, 6st 13lb (A. M'Cowan); Little Toy, 7st 6lb, including 10lb penalty (A. C. Thomas):

Betting: 4 to 1 v Scot Free, 6 to 1 v Gladsome, 8 to 1 each v Little Toy and Noreen, 9 to 1 v Oasian, 10 to 1 each v Tartan, Lord Ullin's Daughter, and Marvel Loch, 15 to 1 each v Clyde, Tatterdemalion, Cryde, and Fitzgrafton, 33 to 1 v Refrain, 50 to 1 v Zepho, 100 to 1 v Reycroft.

From a good start Gladsome was the first to break the long line of colours, while Zepho was the last to settle into his legs. When they settled into their places Refrain took command from FitzGrafton, and at the end of the first furlong Refrain had FitzGrafton and Maniapoto at his heels; then at short intervals followed by Mr. Boffin, Belle Blue, and Hesper, with Kirrinor and Amphora at the tail of the hunt. In that order they ran to the five furlongs post, where Grand Somnus drew out a length from Hesper and The Castaway, with the others closing up; and so they swept past the half-mile, where Kirrinnor was acting as whipper-in. Coming round the bend Baeraml ran up to the girths of Grand Somnus, Hesper and Belle Blue following, and so they swung into the home stretch. Grand Somnus faded out of it before reaching the distance, leaving Baeraml in front from Hesper, Belle Blue, and Mr. Boffin, who came very fast; and, tackling Baeraml at the half-distance, an exciting finish ensued, but Baeraml gained the judge's verdict by a head, while Kirrinnor ran a length in front of Amphora. The Castaway was three lengths further back, followed by Hesper and Belle Blue; while Lerraka and Mr. Boffin were the last to get home. Time, 2m 40⅘.

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Mr. S. J. Hendricks' br c Banzai, by Grafton (imp.)—Heinse, 3yrs, 7st 7lb (C. Barden) .....
Mr. Allingham's b c Arcturus, by Grafton (imp.)—Thea, 2yrs, 7st (D. Callinan) .....
Mr. W. J. Hunt's b c Gaby, by Gosoon (imp.)—Meb, 2yrs, 7st 2lb (S. Gardiner) .....

Other starters: Disaster, 9st 2lb, including 7lb penalty (W. H. Smith); Hapsburg, 8st 10lb (E. Huxley); Barrenjoey, 8st (R. W. Brennan); Epic, 7st 12lb (F. Hickey); Diest, 7st 12lb (H. Colley); Jack Smith, 7st 12lb (A. Hood); Kirrinnor (late Birch Wha Hee), 7st 6lb (A. Hood); Electron, 7st 4lb (W. H. Smith); Yabba Gabba, 7st (W. Foulkes); Jardy, 7st (F. Connelly).

Betting: 5 to 2 v Jack Smith, 4 to 1 v Banzai, 6 to 1 each v Arcturus and Electron, 10 to each v Malcolm, Gaby, and Epic, 12 to 1 each v Barrenjoey and Diest, 20 to 1 v others.

Arcturus lost his rider as they jumped off, while Electron took command after a few strides, and showed the way to the seven-furlong post, closely attended by Yabba Gabba, Gaby, and Melodrama, with Jardy at the tail of the hunt. A little further on Yabba Gabba ran to the front, and, leaving Gaby behind at the five furlongs post, there lengths from Electron, who was two lengths in advance of Epic and Gaby. Increasing her advantage Yabba Gabba opened up a gap of two lengths at the four furlongs post, her nearest attendants being Electron, Epic, and Gaby, while Banzai joined the leading division as they came round the bend. Without change they came into the straight, but when they were fairly in line for the judge's box Banzai came with a resolute run, was in front at the distance, and, stalling off a late bid from Thea, beat her by three-parts of a length, Gaby was a length away third, with Jardy at his girths; then, after a gap of six lengths came Melodrama, Barrenjoey, Yabba Gabba, and Electron, while Epic and Jack Smith were the last to finish. Time, 1m 42s.

LIGHT RAILWAYS.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE HERALD.

Sir,—From the interesting and important discussions that are now taking place through the "Herald" regarding light railways, it is to be hoped that great good will result in some practical scheme of realising the untold advantages which must accrue from light railway lines, and for a start why not put the matter into practical shape by having a first light railway line constructed? As your correspondent, Mr. J. Rutherford, says, there are scores of places where these should suit—but as regards tunnels the less said of them the better. For instance, from Penrith to Liverpool, a distance of about 23 miles, over almost plain country through to Richmond, another 10 miles would demonstrate better than all the argument the practicability and payable results that would be derived from same, and this particular route could be built at the minimum cost, as I believe it has been surveyed years ago. I passed through this part on Wednesday last, and the amount of settlement even now would be a guarantee against loss, besides opening up a lot of land that is languishing for want of up-to-date transit.

Recently, at the Oberon show, the Hon. Sydney Smith, when speaking there, dwelt upon the past and present Governments encouraging agriculture, and there is no question they have assisted in many ways. But as I then pointed out, what is all the assistance in the world good to the farmers unless they have the cheaper and more efficient methods of conveyance of their produce to the market, and that is by the construction of light railways to agricultural centres like Oberon to Bathurst, Gulgong to Mudgee, Peak Hill to Parkes or Gilgrumine, Belmore to Liverpool, Cessnock to Wallambi, Dungog to West Maitland, Guyra to Coff's Harbour, Burrowa to Binalong, Coonamble to Coonbarabran? And numbers of other centres could be connected with the main and branch lines. In this way farming, pastoral, mining, and all other interests would receive an impetus that would be of permanent benefit and a national asset invaluable in times of peace, and strengthen our position by enabling quicker movements of our armies should it be called upon to defend our country in times of war.

I am, etc., J. G. PEARSON.

P.S.—Should the Railway Department or Government refuse to construct light railways, then why not private enterprise step in, and be allowed, same as in America? Our present railway system cannot be compared to anything better than a tree which is running too much to wood and root; it will want to spread out its branches more.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE HERALD.

Sir,—The able articles appearing in the columns of your journal dealing with the "Arid West," and submitting proposals for its Government consideration, in the shape of the connection of the Western lines of railways into the heart of this great western country, treats with a question of vital importance to the stockowners of the Western Division. The fearful disasters in stock during the recent drought make it a matter of paramount importance that something practical should be done to avert a similar slaughter of millions of sheep in any time of stress in the future. The West is fast stocking up again, and another big crash will surely be the result unless our Western railways are let on some better terms under the present deplorable conditions, and no exit offered for the profit of light railways. Apart from drought times it would prove a source of wealth to both the stockowners and the country by carrying the stock quickly to market in the best normal seasons, whereas the feed on the Western country will turn off the finest mutton that can be produced in any part of Australia, but with no routes or railways to move them to market the value of condition is lost for all time. An association in connection with which I am secretary, is now endeavouring to bring the question of railways or stock routes for the Western Division under public attention. Our association, though only two years of age, is growing fast, and now embraces owners over seventy-five million acres of Western lands.

I am, etc.,

F. W. GRELSON, Hon. Secretary
Western Lessees' Association.
Freshwater, via Booligal and Hay.

SECONDARY EDUCATION.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE HERALD.

Sir,—A short time ago I noticed in a copy of the "Herald" the following paragraph, to which I desire to call the Government attention, particularly those who are situated similarly to myself, in not being able to give their children the educational advantages they so much covet:—

"District schools have been established at the following centres:—Bathurst, Bega, Broken Hill, Bowral, Dubbo, Forbes, Glen Innes, Goulburn, Grafton, W. Kempsey, Lismore, Maitland, Narrabri, Newcastle, Parramatta S., Tamworth, Taree, Wagga Wagga, Wollongong, Young, Fort-street, Sydney High Schools.

"In addition to providing the means for a sound secondary education to the children of the surrounding districts, these schools will serve as prepatatory training schools for probationary students who desire to enter the teaching profession. Inspectors will also be able to utilise them for the purpose of improving the efficiency of the less experienced teachers under their supervision who are anxious to make themselves more efficient by observing modern and improved methods. Only the ordinary school fee, 3d per week, is to be charged in district schools."

Now let us look into this.

First, included in the list of district schools are the Sydney High Schools, the fee for which up to date is three guineas per quarter. It is intended to reduce the fee to 3d per week? The same curriculum has been published for all district schools. Should not the fee, then, be the same?

Second. These schools are to be a means of providing a sound secondary education to the children of the surrounding districts. Yes; but what children will they be? Certainly not the children of the poor, but the children of parents who are comfortably off, who do not require their children to work at as early an age as possible, but who can afford to send them to school until they are 17 or 18 years of age. Many of these parents are now sending their children to good secondary schools, and are paying for their education, but will they not soon fall into the idea of utilising them for the purpose of improving the efficiency of the less experienced teachers under their supervision who are anxious to make themselves more efficient by observing modern and improved methods. Only the ordinary school fee, 3d per week, is to be charged in district schools.

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Fourth. Some of the results of establishing these district schools should be considered. These district schools are to be thoroughly equipped with up-to-date apparatus and appliances of all sorts. Yes, at the expense of the primary schools, for as there is no money to spend on the equipment of primary schools the teachers are to be encouraged to get up bazaars, concerts, etc., in order to make money to buy apparatus, pictures, specimens, etc., for the more efficient working of their schools.

Lastly. The district schools are to be staffed with the pick of the teachers in the service.

When the new syllabus was introduced about two years ago—the first improvement was to be in the direction of reducing enormous classes to a workable size. This was gradually being done with most beneficial results, and teachers felt they were beginning to cope with their work, when all at once it was announced, though not in writing, that in order to reduce expenditure the basis of staffing a primary school must be one teacher, including the master, for every 50 pupils. Think of it, in a school of 395 boys there would be a head master and seven teachers, two perhaps of whom would be pupil teachers. With such a staff the school would be unworkable. Now, as I received my information from teachers in the department who do not wish to become marked men, it must be correct; and the question for us parents to consider is: Are we going to stand this state of affairs?

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NEW ZEALAND.

QUARTERLY BANKING RETURNS.

WELLINGTON, Monday.

The bank returns for the first quarter of the year show:—Assets, £22,830,581; liabilities, £23,428,029; the excess of liabilities being £130,000 less than the corresponding quarter of the previous year. Fixed deposits show an increase of £574,458, free deposits an increase of £681,166, while coin and bullion show an increase of from £2,949,343 to £4,290,253.

CAPSIZE OF A WARSHIP'S GIG.

A gig belonging to the warship Pegasus capsized in Wellington Harbour this morning. One of the crew, named Bunker, was drowned.

RELIGION, FAMILY LIFE, AND SOCIALISM.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE HERALD.

Sir,—Mr. Watson, in an interview published to-day, with characteristic adroitness, attempts to saddle Mr. Reid with the authorship of statements for which Mr. Watson's own international colleagues are themselves responsible. Mr. Reid distinctly said he did not charge the Labour party here with endorsing the views of socialist writers concerning religion and family life to which he referred. He was replying to the audacious attempt of Mr. Watson to claim for the economic movement he leads the sanction and sentiment of the Christian religion. All that Mr. Reid did was to show that the ablest socialistic thinkers and writers—the philosophers of the collectivist movement—were nearly all atheists and materialists. Mr. Watson's collectivist ideal is theirs; which he cannot deny, because it is from those writers that the world in general has got its socialistic ideas), and they maintain that the negation of all supernatural ideas of religion and the abolition of our system of family life are necessary to the realisation of the socialistic ideal.

When Mr. Watson tries to show that socialism has the secret sanction of the religion of Christ, it is surely permissible for the opponents of socialism to show that he does not represent the socialism of the world's ablest socialistic authorities, nor even the opinions of the accredited organs of the party he leads in Australia. This is all that Mr. Reid did, and it is not fair for Mr. Watson to attempt to fasten upon Mr. Reid charges which he did not make.

Most people will, I think, be prepared to accept Mr. Watson's assurance that he does not endorse the views of such writers as have been referred to, and that he revolts at the idea of State interference with family life and religion, but the fact still remains that the ablest writers and authorities on socialism say that both these results are logically and inevitably involved in the realisation of the socialistic ideal, which is the avowed object of the same in Australia as in the rest of the world. Mr. Watson cannot even claim to voice the views of all labour socialists in Australia. Views which are abhorrent to him are regarded differently by others of his party. The most influential organs of the party and the movement which he is supposed to lead, make the most violent and scurrilous attacks upon religion and religious institutions. And in regard to the effect of socialism upon family life, what is repudiated by Mr. Watson is apparently regarded by Mr. Hutchinson, M.L.A., a member of the Victorian Labour party, as a likely future development of socialism in Australia. In an interview with a representative of the "Age" some months ago, Mr. Bromley is reported as having said: "I do not think the time is ripe for the State to take the family entirely, perhaps later when the community is more highly educated that may come, too. But not yet." The inescapable conclusion from this utterance is that State interference with the family was not proposed immediately only because the people would not understand it—yet. They must get it instilled into them by gradual doses, so that imperceptibly they will become inured to the idea from the imbibing of socialism in small and gradually increasing doses. This is where Mr. Reid's illustration of the little tiger comes in. My own belief is that Mr. Watson and many other decent and well-meaning men in the Labour party have given adherence to the doctrines of socialism without fully comprehending the true character of the economic faith they have espoused.

Mr. Tom Mann extols the virtues and teachings of Liebkreicht and Bebel, whom he regards as ideal socialistic teachers. Mr. Watson perhaps would repudiate them. Mr. Mann is constantly urging that socialism is an international movement, and that the leaders of socialists of Australia should get into line with the Continental socialists—who, be it remembered, are nearly all avowed atheists—and advocates of State nurseries. Mr. Watson repudiates Continental socialism. But Mr. Mann is the accredited exemplar of the Victorian Trades Hall Council. And that there is some motion of getting into touch with Continental socialism is evidenced by the action of the last Interstate Labour Conference in approving the idea of having Australia represented at the next International Socialist Conference.

The first resolution of the Geneva Socialist Alliance embodies a demand for the "abolition of all worship and the substitution of science for faith."

Two months ago "The Worker" declared that "where labour men and women of every faith and want of faith assemble together, the order of the day should be 'No dogs or gods admitted.'" Again, "When the labour movement is ready to turn to God for help, it will be God help it indeed. Its creed is purely materialistic, concerning no world but this world. Religion cannot live without a deity. Labour writes on its doorpost—"Wanted a saviour; no gods need apply." Mr. Watson repudiates such sentiments as these. The Queensland labour official organ, we find him eulogising the paper, and hoping its invaluable educative labours might prove increasingly effective each succeeding year."

"The Tocsin" has published some of the most scurrilous articles ever penned against religion.

Mr. Robert Blatchford, the editor of the English "Clarion," who is so popular with Australian socialists, describes Christ as "a liar, murderer, cruel monster, ferocious and abominable in personality, and responsible for all the sin and iniquity of humanity." "Let the holy have their heaven," he says, "I am a man and an infidel, and Christianity is not true." I have not seen the "Worker" or the "Clarion" condemned by the Australian Labour leaders.

Bishop Green, at Ballarat, and Dr. Dunne, the R.C. Bishop of Wilcannia, a few months ago both referred to the irreligion and immorality of the labour Sunday socialistic lectures. The former, in his presidential address to the Synod, asked: "Is the bold and determined attempt being made to capture the leadership of the Australian Labour party by a knot of men who avowedly profess principles of paganism, to succeed? When attacks are made upon all reverent recognition of the Supreme Being, and on his institutions of family life, it is time for all Christian men to close their ranks and say, this thing shall not be."

Bishop Dunne, speaking from the pulpit, is reported to have said, "Only a week or so since a lecturer in the Trades Hall at a Sunday evening meeting, speaking on a Why do declared openly struck at the very foundation of society, and advocated not only irreligion, but gross immorality, quoting with apparent approval from infidel and immoral writers—quoting from at least one whose work in any part of the State would make the teachers are to be encouraged to get up bazaars, concerts, etc., in order to make money to buy apparatus, pictures, specimens, etc., for the more efficient working of their schools.

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COUNTRY NEWS.

HOUSEBREAKING.

BATHURST, Monday.

Last night the house of William Dawson, Kelso, was entered, and about £9 in gold, notes, and silver stolen. Dawson and his wife were at a neighbour's place, and returning about 9 o'clock found the house had been entered and the money stolen. A close inspection showed marks on the door, evidently made with a pick. The robbers' attempt to force an entrance by the door being unsuccessful, they went to a window, which they prised open. In a case of robbery effected at Kelso several months ago similar marks were found on a door.

THE HOSPITALS.

BOWRAL, Monday.

In response to an application made to the Government for a special grant to carry out the much needed enlargement of the local hospital, the president of that institution has received a communication stating that the Colonial Treasurer has approved of the sum of £200 being granted for the purpose mentioned.

AMUSEMENTS.

BUCKJUMPING SHOW.

Professor Scarlett's buckjumping exhibition and 4500 buckjumping contest was very well attended at the Showground yesterday. The principal contest was advanced another stage. Eight riders were thrown. The following have been left in:—Prof. Kemp (North Q.), J. M'Kenna (N.S.W.), Captain Reynolds (U.S.A.), R. Shuthorp (Casino), J. Cathcart (Q.), J. Stanley (N.S.W.), J. Frost (Q.), J. Dempsey (N.S.W.). The riders have to compete in one inch knee-pad Anglo-Australian hunting saddle. A capital programme was presented yesterday. Prof. R. W. Stevenson gave an exhibition of self-defence and jiu-jitsu. Miss Kemp gave an excellent exhibition of riding an outlaw and in riding bullocks.

A DOUGHTY SCOT.

In days when the Commons required men to kneel at their Bar (writes the "Evening Standard and St. James's Gazette"), they received a shock from a defiant Scot, who would not bow the knee. It was the younger brother of the then Lord Elibank, and he had been saying disrespectful things of Parliament. "Kneel, sir," said the Speaker, when they brought him to the Bar. He did not kneel. "Your obeisances, sir. You forget yourself," thundered Mr. Speaker. Mr. Murray answered, "I never kneel but to God." It was in vain that the Speaker insisted; this stubborn son of Scotland would not kneel, declaring that it was an act of humbleness which he only assumed when confessing his sins to Almighty God. They clapped him into Newgate, declaring that he had aggravated his original offence by his high and dangerous contempt." The imprisonment lasted only to the end of the session. The Commons endeavoured to rearrest him next session, but, although they offered £500 for his capture, they never again set eyes on the man who would not kneel.

FRIENDLY SOCIETIES' MEDICAL OFFICER

SPORTING.

THE TURF.

Messrs. W. Inglis and Son will commence the annual yearling sales at Payten's Stables, Lower Randwick, to-day, at 9 o'clock, and the usual interest taken in the judging by the unusual interest taken in the youngsters by an extraordinarily large number of likely buyers now present in Sydney from all over the Commonwealth the prospects all round are good. Taking the 250 odd yearlings that are catalogued with Messrs. Inglis and H. Chisholm and Co., by and large they compared more than favourably with any of the preceding drafts, inasmuch as there is a noticeable lack of culls among them, while the average of first-class animals has materially increased. The action of the A.J.C. in putting forward its spring meeting from September to October, and putting on a couple of well-endowed two-year-old races, appreciably improves the prospects of local owners, who hitherto were compelled to go abroad in search of a decent two-year-old prize in the spring. The principal two-year-old race in October carries £1250 added money. In days that are gone the leading bookmakers were responsible for the establishment and popularity of the Maribyrnong Plate, by attending the yearling sales and opening large yearling books on that race. Mr. Joe Thompson and the late William Branch were the principal operators in this business, but in modern days it has fallen into disuse. However, Mr. S. Green has informed Mr. T. S. Clibborn that he intends to be present at the yearling sales to-day, and is prepared to do business on a large scale in respect to the October Plate, and it is understood that a couple of other bookmakers are willing to follow suit. In past years Victorian buyers have always been in evidence at the ringside when anything choice was for sale, with the result that they have purchased some of the leading performers in the classic races during the past 10 years. In the last five years sportsmen from across the border have secured among others Ebalition, Great Scot, Grasspan, Eleanor, Brakpan, Strata Florida, Hautvillers, Hautain, Emir, Sweet Nell, Dividend, Charles Stuart, Sylvanite, Koopan, and Orielliet in Sydney, by and of fourteen horses that between them cost less than £10,000 but who have won over £42,000 in stakes; while Eleanor was subsequently sold for 2000 guineas, Hautvillers for 3000 guineas, Great Scot for 2000 guineas, and Grasspan for 500 guineas, to go abroad; while £500 guineas and 3000 guineas respectively, have been refused for Emir and Dividend. Prior to the period named interstate buyers secured in Sydney such brilliant performers as Merman, Patron, Coil, Cocos, Cobbitty, etc., therefore it will be seen at a glance that buyers from outside have done very much better at the Sydney sales than have the local men, for, apart from the individual horses mentioned, there have been numerous other successes and comparatively few failures, especially among the high-priced ones. During the current season all the best two-year-olds were raised in this State, for, as a matter of fact, only one—True Scot—among those that showed anything like good form, was bred elsewhere, and judging from the appearance of the present draft it is not too much to expect a continuation of the great success achieved by New South Wales studs during the last 10 years.

The carnival being carried out under the auspices of the associated pony and galloway clubs will be advanced by another stage at Rosebery Park Kensington to-day, when the Rosebery Park R.C. meeting will be held. The sum of 500 sovs is being given away in prize-money, of which 250 sovs goes to the Rosebery Park Cup. The programme is made up of six events, and as a large entry has been received, there should be some good sport. The first race will start at 2.15 p.m., and trams will run direct to the course every few minutes.

The Ascot Racing Club's opening meeting will be conducted to-day. The principal event, the Ascot Cup of 200 sovs, attracted a large entry, and as the other events also filled well, the meeting gives every promise of being a success. The services of a band have been secured, and the first race will start at 2.15 p.m. The club will also race on Thursday next, when there will be a couple of events open to horses of all heights. Full particulars are advertised, but those interested should note that entries close to-day.

Our New Zealand correspondent wires that the Feilding Cup was won by Melodeon. Douche being second, and Barea third. Dividends of £5 16s and £1 5s were paid.

WALLSEND JOCKEY CLUB.

EASTER MEETING.

WALLSEND, Monday.

The Wallsend Jockey Club Easter Race Meeting was continued this afternoon. The weather was oppressively hot, but there was a large attendance. Results:—

Trial Handicap of 30 sovs; second 3 sovs; 6f.—Mr. S. S. Martin's br g Tinagroo, by Rosehall—Miss Manton, 6yrs, 9st 5lb (Mitten), 1; Mr. J. Reynolds's br h Westgate, 5yrs, 8st 10lb (J. Reynolds), 2; Mr. E. Simond's c m Miss Joan, 4yrs, 7st 13lb (Tucker), 3. Other starters: Regulator, 8st 12lb; Bumdaberg, 8st; Iaaria, 8st; Count Cardigan, 8st. Betting: 5 to 1 v Tinagroo, 2 to 1 v Westgate, 6 to 1 each v Regulator and Iaaria, 10 to 1 v others. Won by two lengths. Time, 1m 10s.

Flattsburg Handicap of 40 sovs, 7f.—Mr. W. Richmond's b g N. and R., by Rosehill—Lady Charmion, aged, 8st 4lb (Bracken), 1; Mr. R. Whitehead's br g Brilliant Light, aged, 7st 10lb (Stewart), 2; Mr. F. McCarthy's br The Shock, aged, 7st 4lb (McCarthy), 3. Other starters: Miss Rosebery, 4yrs, 6st 4lb; Sir Oliver, 5st 6lb; Tuscany, 5st 12lb; Encroacher, 6st 10lb. Betting: 2 to 1 each v Sir Faust and Legion, 4 to 1 v Miss Rosebery, 5 to 1 v N. and R., 7 to 1 each v Tuscany and Shock, and Brilliant Light, 10 to 1 each v Panara and Encroacher. Won by a length and a half. Time, 1m 29½s.

Pace Welter Handicap of 35 sovs, second 4 sovs, 6f.—Mr. T. Ford's ch m Wildfire, by Cobbity—Wild Rose, 4yrs, 9st 4lb (Osborne), 1; Mr. A. Golian's br m Attain, 4yrs, 9st 7lb (Tucker), 2; Mr. A. Mayo's br g Sir Ennis, 5yrs, 9st 7lb (Mayo), 3. Other starters: Valmont, 4st 7lb; Horologist, 8st 4lb; The Lock, 9st 4lb; Dora Blue, 8st. Betting: 5 to 4 v Wildfower, 4 to 1 v Valmont, 5 to 1 v Attain, 6 to 1 each v Sir Ennis and The Lock, 10 to 1 v others. Won by two lengths. Time, 1m 16⅘s.

Jockey Club Handicap of 35 sovs, second 10 sovs, 9f.—Mr. H. Fleming's b h Sirenel, by Simmer—Coralie, 5yrs, 9st 5lb (Mitten), 1; Mr. A. Golian's br g Attain, aged, 9st 5lb (M'Carthy), 2; Mr. F. Curtis's br g Strabo, aged, 7st 3lb (Thompson), 3. Other starters: Glycerophyll, 9st 5lb; Miss La Tosca, 5st 5lb; The Laird, 8st 6lb; Eppin, 7st 12lb; Task, 7st 3lb; Scythe, 6st 12lb; Panara, 6st 12lb. Betting: 5 to 2 v The Laird, 3 to 1 v Sirenel, 6 to 1 v Task, 7 to 1 v S.S., 8 to 1 each v Strabo and Panara, 10 to 1 v others. A good start was effected, and Panara took up the running until the turn, with Miss Laura and Sirenel following. In the straight Sirenel went to the front and won by a length and a half. Time, 1m 37s.

Maryland Handicap of 25 sovs, second 4 sovs, 6f.—Mr. G. Pike's br g Sea Hawk, by Allatross—Cocoa, 6yrs, 7st 10lb (Woods), 1; Mr. S. White-head's b g Tinagroo, by Rosehill—Miss Manton, 6yrs, 9st 5lb (Mitten), 1; Mr. J. Reynolds's br h Westgate, 5yrs, 8st 10lb (J. Reynolds), 2; Mr. E. Simond's c m Miss Joan, 4yrs, 7st 13lb (Tucker), 3. Other starters: Regulator, 8st 12lb; Bumdaberg, 8st; Iaaria, 8st; Count Cardigan, 8st. Betting: 5 to 1 v Tinagroo, 2 to 1 v Westgate, 6 to 1 each v Regulator and Iaaria, 10 to 1 v others. Won by two lengths. Time, 1m 10s.

Farewell Handicap, of 60 sovs, 1m.—Mr. C. Stone's b g Sarawati, by Sir Hercules—Lady Charmion, aged, 8st 4lb (Bracken), 1; Mr. R. Whitehead's br g Brilliant Light, aged, 7st 10lb (Stewart), 2; Mr. F. McCarthy's br The Shock, aged, 7st 4lb (McCarthy), 3. Other starters: Miss Rosebery, 4yrs, 6st 4lb; Sir Oliver, 5st 6lb; Tuscany, 5st 12lb; Encroacher, 6st 10lb. Betting: 2 to 1 each v Sir Faust and Legion, 4 to 1 v Miss Rosebery, 5 to 1 v N. and R., 7 to 1 each v Tuscany and Shock, and Brilliant Light, 10 to 1 each v Panara and Encroacher. Won by a length and a half. Time, 1m 29⅘s.

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Final Handicap of 45 sovs, second 5 sovs, 1m.—Mr. J. Davidson's c g Hollandia, by Duke Trident mare, 4yrs, 7st 7lb (Chater), 1; Mr. H. Robinson's br m Lelamina, 4yrs, 8st 6lb (Woods), 2; Mr. C. Chambers's c g Sir Bairn, 5yrs (Searles), 3. Other starters: Bull, 9st 7lb; Gold Lock, 8st 4lb; Encoma, 8st; Coralette, 8st 2lb; Bartering, 8st. Betting: 5 to 2 v Bull, 3 to 1 v Harris, 4 to 1 each v The Bairn and Gold Lock, 7 to 1 each v Lelamina and Encoma, 10 to 1 v others. Won by half a head. Time, 1m 45s.

QUEENSLAND TURF CLUB.

EASTER MEETING.

SECOND DAY.

BRISBANE, Monday.

The second day's racing in connection with the Queensland Turf Club's Easter Meeting was held at Eagle Farm to-day. The weather was fine, and the attendance large. Results:—

Pace Welter Handicap of 70 sovs, 7f.—Mr. E. J. Rascen's ch c Lucifer, by Sir Oliver—Lucia, 3yrs, 7st 7lb (M. Ridley), 1; Mr. T. O'Neill's Sandsman, 5yrs, 8st (D. O'Neill), 2; Mr. H. Best's Messenger, 8st 2lb (F. Mollen), 3. Other starters: King Vale, 9st 12lb (J. Parker); The Ascot, 9st (J. Moore); Fame, 8st 3lb (R. Williamson); The Crisis, 7st 12lb (F. O'Neill); Fame, 7st 7lb (C. Page); Fortune, 7st 7lb (J. Rogers, jun.). Betting: 5 to 4 v The Crisis, 4 to 1 v King Vale, 7 to 1 v Fame, 8 to 1 v Lucifer, 10 to 1 each v The Mint and Messenger, 12 to 1 each v Aeronaut and Fortune, 14 to 1 v Sandeman. Crisis was left at the post, and took no part in the race. When they got going Lucifer took charge, and was never headed, winning by a length from Sandeman, who was half a length from Messenger. Then came King Vale, Fame, Fortune, Aeronaut, and The Mint. Time, 1m 30s. Dividend, £4 4s.

Flying Handicap of 75 sovs, 6f.—Mr. H. Wienholt's b g Sarsfield, by Eudoxus—Miss Bardelin, 5yrs, 7st 5lb (J. Stone), 1; Mr. W. Hewitt's b g Hewitt, 4yrs, 7st 7lb (C. Page), 2; Mr. M. Sheehy's Alexis, 8st 9lb (T. M'Namara), 3. Other starters: Vibration, 9st 12lb (F. Mollen); The Officer, 9st 4lb (J. Mooney); Mr. Scout, 9st 11lb (A. Walsh); Splendour, 8st 11lb (P. Coughlin); Tithits, 8st 9lb (J. K. Rogers); Victor, 8st 4lb (H. Williamson); Lucifer, 8st 3lb (F. O'Neill); Artifice, 8st 3lb (D. O'Neill); Footplate, 7st 9lb (J. Brown). Betting: 3 to 1 v Durelong, 6 to 1 each v Splendour, Alexis, and Victor, 7 to 1 each v Alma, Artifice, and Mimosa, 10 to 1 v The Officer and The Drought, 12 to 1 v Tibita, 20 to 1 v others. Alexis made the pace, and passing the half-mile was half a length in front of Victor, who was a length in advance of The Officer and others being well up, and Tithits last. Alexis was the first into the straight from The Drought and Mimosa, with Durelong handy. At the distance Durelong had Alexis beaten, and coming away won easily by two lengths from Mimosa, who was two lengths in front of Alexis; then came Artifice, Splendour, and The Drought, with Affidelt at the head of the others, and Tithits last. Time, 1m 15⅘s. Dividend, £1 10s.

Easter Handicap of 120 sovs, 1½m.—Mr. J. C. Mathewson's ch h Honiton, by Monitor—Real Lace, 4yrs, 8st 12lb, including 10lb over weight (C. Page), 1; Mr. E. R. West's Westvill, 6st 12lb (D. O'Neill), 2; Mr. L. Stahl's Deroine, 8st 12lb (M. Hayes), 3. Other starters: Black Donald, 9st 5lb (T. M'Namara); Sir Patrick, 8st 12lb (J. Rogers); Fascinator, 8st 8lb (Mullen); Cascova, 8st 10lb (R. Kyle); Cissy, 8st 6lb (R. Williamson); Chorister, 8st 3lb (Jas. Rogers); Hermony, 7st 8lb (W. Tucker, jun.). Betting: 3 to 1 v Honiton, 4 to 1 v Fascinator, 7 to 1 v Westvill, 10 to 1 v Sir Patrick, 12 to 1 v Cissy, 20 to 1 v others. When the field settled down Cascova was in the lead, and they downed the railway side half a length in advance of Chorister, who was three lengths in front of Honiton. Then came Cissy and Black Donald, the others being in close order, and Westvill last. Passing the bush Chorister and Honiton were together at the head of affairs two clear lengths in front of Honiton, who was a length away from Cissy. Then came Fascinator and Hermony, just in advance of Cascova and Black Donald, while Sir Patrick was last. The same order was maintained into the straight. A furlong from home Honiton made his run, and drawing away from the field won easily by a length from Westvill, who was three-parts of a length in front of Deroine. Then came Fascinator, Chorister, Black Donald, Hermony, Cissy, Sir Patrick, and Cascova. Time, 2m 10s. Dividend, £1.

Juvenile Stakes of 70 sovs, 6f.—Mr. E. J. Easton's br c Focal, by Sir Tristram—Medalet, 2yrs, 7st 8lb (M. Ridley), 1; Mrs. A. C. Cox's Barcoo, 8st 9lb (T. McNamara), 2; Mr. W. J. Nood's Fiail, 7st 8lb (C. Page), 3. Other starters: Flotation, 9st 2lb (J. Stone); Financer, 8st 6lb (R. Williamson); Oban, 6st 11lb (D. O'Neill); McDonald, 6st 7lb (J. Brown). Betting: 6 to 4 v Fiail, 3 to 1 v Barcoo, 5 to 1 v Flotation, 7 to 1 v Financer, 10 to 1 v others. Focal led from start to finish, and won easily by two lengths from Barcoo, with Fiail a length away, third. Then came Flotation and Financer, with Oban and McDonald together last. Time, 1m 17⅘s. Dividend, £3 18s.

Heavy-weight Handicap of 60 sovs, 7f.—Mr. C. Gould's b g Iliderim, by Grafton—Sahara, 6yrs, 9st (T. McNamara), 1; Mr. T. F. Collins's Venos, 8st 3lb (Gould), 2; Mr. J. Booth's Sandsman, 9st 11lb (P. Coughlan), 3. Other starters: Frank, 10st 9lb (F. Mullen); Libertine, 8st 11lb (J. Mooney); Venetian, 9st 8lb (D. O'Neill); Flatoon, 8st 7lb (W. Hopkinson); President, 8st 2

FENWICK'S CAREER.

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CHAPTER X.—Continued.

Lord Findon followed her, tormented by a queer unwelcome thought. Was it possible that Eugenie was now—with her widowhood—beginning to take a more than friendly interest in that strange fellow Fenwick? If so, he would be tolerably punished for his meddling of long ago! To have snatched her from Arthur, in order to hand her to John Fenwick!—Lord Findon crimsoned hotly at the notion, all his pride of race and caste up in arms.

Of course she ought not to marry. He wished to see her before he died the wife of some good fellow, and the mistress of a great house. Why not? Eugenie's distinctions of person and family,—leaving her fortune, which was considerable, out of count—were equal to any fate. "It's all very well to despise such things—but we have to keep up the traditions," he said to himself testily.

And in spite of her thirty-seven years a suitable bridegroom would not be at all hard to find. Lord Findon had perceived that in Egypt, where they had spent the winter and early spring. Several of the most distinguished men then in Cairo had been her devoted slaves —ill as she was and at half-power. Alderney —almost certain to be the next Viceroy of India—one of the most charming of widowers, with an only daughter—it had been plain both to Lord Findon and his stupid wife that Eugenie had made a deep impression upon a man no less romantic than fastidious. Eugenie had but to lift her hand, and he would have followed them to Syria. On the contrary, she had taken special pains to prevent it. And General F.—and that clever fellow X.—who was now reorganising Egyptian finance—and several more—they were all under the spell.

But Eugenie had this quixotic liking for the "intellectuals" of a particular sort, for artists and poets, and people in difficulties generally. Well, he had it himself, he reflected, frowning, as he strolled after her; but there were limits. Marriage was a thing apart; in that quarter, at any rate, it was no good supposing you could escape from the rules of the game.

Not that the rules always led you right—witness De Pastourelles and his villainies. But matrimonial anarchy was not to be justified, any more than social anarchy, by the failures and drawbacks of arrangements which are those of people's good. Passe encore?—if Fenwick had only fulfilled the promise of his youth!—were at least a successful artist instead of promising to become quarrelsome failure!

Now if Arthur himself were free! Supposing this poor girl were to succumb?—what then?

At this point Lord Findon checked himself roughly, and a minute afterwards was shaking Welby by the hand and stooping with an old man's courtesy over the invalid carriage in which Mrs. Welby lay reclined.

Euphrosyne, indeed, had shed her laughter! A face with sunken eyes and drawn lips, and with that perpetual suspicious furrow in the brow, which meant a terror lest any movement or jar should let loose the enemy, pain; an emaciated body, from which all the soft mouldings of youth had departed; a frail hand, lying in mute appeal on the shawl with which she was covered;—this was now Elsie Welby, whose beauty in the first years of her marriage had been one of the adornments of London.

Eugenie was bending over her, and Mrs. Welby was pettishly answering.

"It's so stiff and formal. I don't admire this kind of thing. And there isn't a bit of shade on this terrace. I think it's ugly."

Welby laid a hand on her, smiling.

"But to-day, Bebe, you like the sun?—in October!"

Mrs. Welby was very decidedly of opinion that even in October there was a glare—and in August—she shuddered to think of it. It was so tiresome, too, to have missed at Grandes Eaux. So like French red tape the insist on stopping them on a particular date. Why should they be stopped? And that date, that was nonsense. How could you expense, anything, because there had been water cost so doctrinaire, so tyrannical as French were aging for managing's sake,—so fond of manso the pettish voice rose,

tenderly and sadly rambled on, the others Lord Findon alone listening, till presently "I'll make my cloak his gaunt shoulders, your own word it begins to get cold. With more fire, Elsie, I could do with a little Arthur, shall we take a brisk walk the canal before tea?"

Welby looked anxiously at his wife. She had closed her eyes, and her pale lips, tightly shut, made no movement.

"I think I promised Elsie to stay with her," he said, uncertainly.

"Let me stay with Elsie, please," said Eugenie.

The blue eyes unclosed.

"Don't be more than an hour, Arthur," said the young wife, ungraciously. "You know I asked Mrs. Westmacott to tea."

The gentlemen walked off, and a sharp sensation impressed upon Madame de Pastourelles that Arthur was only allowed to go with Lord Findon, because she was not of the party.

A sudden colour rose into her cheeks. For the hour that followed, she devoted herself to her cousin. But Mrs. Welby was difficult and querulous. Amongst other complaints she expressed herself bitterly as to the appearance of Mr. Fenwick at Versailles. Arthur had been so taken aback—Mr. Fenwick was always so atrociously rude to him. Arthur would have never come to Versailles had he known; but of course, as Uncle Findon and Eugenie liked Mr. Fenwick, as he was their friend, Arthur couldn't now avoid meeting him. It was extremely disagreeable.

"I think they needn't meet very much," said Eugenie soothingly—"and papa and I will do our best to keep Mr. Fenwick in order."

"I wonder why he came," said Elsie fretfully.

"He has some work to do for the production of this play on Marie Antoinette. And I suppose he wanted to meet us. You see, we didn't know about Arthur."

"I can't think why you like him so much."

"He is an old friend, my dear!—and just now very unhappy and out of spirits."

"All his own fault, Arthur says. He had the ball at his feet."

"I know," said Eugenie, smiling sadly. "That's the tragedy of it!"

There was silence. Mrs. Welby still observed her companion. A variety of expressions, all irritable or hostile, passed through the large hazel eyes.

The afternoon faded—on the blue surface of the distant "canal," the great poplars that stand sentinel at the western edge of the park, one to right and one to left—last gardes-du-corps of the House of France!—threw shadows on the water; and across the opening which they marked, drifted the smoke of burning weeds, the only, but sufficient, symbol, amid the splendid scene of that peasant France which destroyed Versailles, of life in Nature, and to their left, as they sat sheltered on the southern slopes of the chateau, the visitors of the day were pouring out into the gardens. The shutters of the lower rooms, in the apartments of the Dauphin and the Mesdames, were being closed one by one by the gardiens within. Eugenie peered through the window beside her. She saw before her a long vista of darkened and solitary rooms, dim portraits of the marshals of France, just visible on their walls. Suddenly—under a gleam of light from a shutter not yet fastened—there shone out amid the shadows a bust of Louis Seize! The Bourbon face, with its receding brow, its heavy good-natured lips, its smiling incapacity, held—dominated—the palace.

Eugenie held her breath. Slowly the light died; the marble withdrew into the dark; and Louis Seize was once more with the ghosts.

(To be continued.)

SUGAR LABOUR COMMISSION.

BRISBANE, Monday.

The Sugar Labour Commission sat at Rockhampton on Saturday. Francis Hopkins and the Rev. J. B. Brocklehurst, Anglican minister, gave evidence. Mr Brocklehurst questioned whether the Government was justified in breaking what he called the law of God by separating couples who had been married according to the rites of the Church; also whether the State was justified in putting back the clock of the life of children who were civilised and were educated here.

James Larcombe, president of the Workers' Political Organisation, on behalf of that body offered a suggestion for the supply of white labour to plantations and the deportation of kanakas.

Peter Wiems, a native of Lefu, and Alfred Malezieux, a New Caledonian, both claimed to be French subjects, and said that if it was intended to deport them they would throw themselves on the protection of the French Consul.

Alfred Phillips, Inspector of Polynesians, also gave evidence.

In the afternoon the Commission visited the islander settlement at North Rockhampton, and were hospitably received. Members of the Commission conversed with a number of "boys" concerning the property held by them. The islanders expressed a desire to remain in Queensland, but apparently are restrained to whatever fate may be in store for them.

The Commission left for Mackay on Saturday night.

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GOOD TEMPLARS.

GRAND LODGE SESSION.

The thirty-third annual grand lodge session of the International Order of Good Templars was opened yesterday at the Protestant Hall, Mr. H. W. Lee, M.P., Grand Chief Templar, presided. Country delegates were received, and about 120 candidates were received into the Grand Lodge. Congratulatory messages came to hand from the Grand Lodges of Queensland, Tasmania, Victoria, and South Australia.

The Grand Chief Templar's report stated that the new executive were brought face to face with an alarming decrease in numbers, the returns showing for the April quarter a leakage of over 600 members on the previous year's returns.

The report of the Grand Superintendent of Juvenile Templars stated that several superintendents were complaining of the want of sympathy and encouragement by the members of adult lodges. The lack of interest had become a very serious drawback to the working of juvenile temples. No. 2 District was responsible for a decrease in the membership.

The Grand Secretary's report stated, among other things, that no less than 184,453 men and women, scattered throughout the State, had been initiated. The income for the year, including opening balance, was £780 15s 3d, being £98 6s 6d less than last year. In comparison with last year the receipts disclose a falling-off in almost every item. The report of 1905 showed a loss of 316 in the membership, and when the April returns came in there was a further loss of 352. A vigorous policy of mission work has resulted in the loss for the April quarter being overtaken, and the deficiency of last year being almost wiped out.

The session was largely attended at night, when the financial reports were adopted; and on the motion of Bro. J. T. Smith, of Lismore, £5 was voted to the New South Wales Alliance. Special reference was made to the splendid assistance rendered to the order by Mr. A. Bruntnell, the Alliance lecturer, who is also grand electral superintendent of Good Templars.

A resolution by Bro. G. D. Clark was carried unanimously, to the effect that a deputation be appointed to interview the Minister for Public Instruction with a view to securing the re-introduction of definite Temperance teaching in the Public schools of the States.

On the motion of Bro. W. J. Green (Burwood) it was resolved that an Australian Temperance Institute be established with the object of giving temperance teaching on similar lines to the Scottish Templar Institute.

A sum of £10 was voted to the educational committee to provide prizes for competition among the students. A hope was expressed that this would become helpful in preparing Templars for platform and literary work in the cause of temperance.

MOUNTAIN INDUSTRIES.

LITHGOW, Saturday.

The sheet mill at the ironworks was stopped on Tuesday for repairs. The bar mills worked all the week, to Friday night when they worked laid up for repairs, but will resume they were Tuesday next. The steel furnaces work on through the holidays. Work here as well as usual at the copper-refining works. Mr. Blakemore on Friday started running works. Mr. a requisition for a Bessemer that he made out day, and sent it on to Premier plant on Wednesday. At the blast furnace excavation work continues with the steel furnace excavation work being employed vigour, 100 men and 31 carters in the employed. The demolition of houses works in the new railway siding to the tions is pretty well been completed. Operasas are being conducted on the same scale commercial at the Lloyd smelting works, and a consignment of ingot copper is being got ready for shipment.

HOTEL DESTROYED BY FIRE.

COONAMBLE, Monday.

Mr. Chicken's hotel, at West Coonamble, was burned to the ground early this morning. The building was the property of Mr. W. Pedley, and was insured. Mr. Chicken was absent at Dubbo at the time of the fire. The hotel was a small one.

POLICE COURTS.

REMANDED.

At the Water Police Court this morning, before Mr. F. B. Isaacs, R.M., Antonio Filiasio, 19, fruiterer, was charged on remand from the Coroner's Court with causing the death of one George Schofield, at Sydney, on April 12. On the application of the police a remand was granted till April 24. Bail was allowed, the accused and one surety in £100, or two sureties in £50 each.

HADN'T ENOUGH BLOOD.

MISS ALMA JONES, SYDNEY.

AILING FOR MONTHS.
COULDN'T EAT OR SLEEP.
TOO WEAK TO WALK.
NEVER A DAY SICK NOW.
DR. WILLIAMS' PINK PILLS.

"For months I was so weak that I never knew when I might faint," said Miss Alma Jones, 75 Albion-street, Surry Hills, Sydney. "I lost all my colour, and had no heart for anything. When meal time came round it was never hungry. Often when I sat down to the table the very smell of the food turned my stomach. Every other week I was laid up with a splitting bilious headache. Many a morning I got out of bed too weak to stand. I was all I could do to dress myself. Every day I grew thinner. At last, Mrs. Goodhead told me to give Dr. Williams' Pink Pills a trial. They cured her after she had been in the hospital for weeks, and the doctors could do nothing for her. Dr. Williams' Pink Pills did me good from the first. I took them for six weeks, and by that time I was as strong and healthy as any girl could wish. To-day there's not a single thing that ails me.

"It was just after the summer that I started to go into bad health," Miss Alma Jones went on. "I was dressmaking at the time, and somehow the work never agreed with me. Every scrap of colour left my face. My lips turned almost blue. Dark rings came under my eyes. My hands and feet were always stone cold. Do what I would, I could not shake off a wretched feeling of weakness. I wanted to lie down all the time. I hadn't a scrap of life or energy. Nothing had the least interest for me. I didn't care whether I lived or died. Every day I got thinner.

"As soon as I lifted my head from the pillow it started to split. Sharp, shooting pains shot through and through my temples. My eyes felt too heavy to open. As for my back, it never stopped aching. No wonder I was fretful and cranky. Everything seemed to be going against me. If I tried to put my room straight in the mornings, my heart would start to jump and flutter. If I walked to the end of the street my breath was gone, and for hours afterwards I was fit for nothing.

"Of course, I hadn't a bit of appetite. Often my stomach turned at the thought of mealtime. A few mouthfuls of bread and butter lay like lead on my chest, and made me feel as if I had gorged myself. Often I was too wretchedly sick to leave my bed. I'd lie the whole day and never have as much as a drink. The very sight of a cup made me sick. All I thought of day I brought up—chiefly bile. These bilious attacks took all the good out of me. After everyone, I wanted to cry my eyes out. And I was so nervous that I jumped if anyone spoke to me. I got it into my head that I was going to hear some bad news. For days I could not get rid of that feeling. I hated company, and all I wanted was to mope away by myself.

"At last I had to give up my dressmaking, and stay in the house from one week's end to the other." Miss Alma Jones added. "Medicine did me very little good. If I left them off for a day I fell back as bad as ever. Every month I grew thinner and paler. One and another began to say that if I wasn't careful I would slip into a decline. At last, Mrs. Goodhead told me about Dr. Williams' Pink Pills. She made me get some at once. The first box made me hungry, and I started to enjoy my meals. I picked up heart then, and after two or three more boxes, everyone said how much better I was looking. I had so admit I was a different girl. When I had finished six boxes, my headaches and backaches eased up, and my heart grew sound and strong. There was no more wretched weakness. I got up each morning brimful of energy. To-day I have a good colour in my face, and am as strong and healthy as any girl could wish. I have never had a day's sickness since I left off Dr. Williams' Pink Pills. They have cured me for good.

Dr. Williams' Pink Pills cure bloodlessness just as surely as food cures hunger. That is how they cured Miss Alma Jones's decline. A pale anaemic person needs one thing only—new blood. Dr. Williams' Pink Pills do one thing only—they actually make new blood. That is all they do, but they do it well. They don't get on the bowels. They don't bother with mere symptoms. They won't cure any disease that isn't caused originally by bad blood. But when Dr. Williams' Pink Pills replace bad with good blood they strike straight at the root and cause of all common diseases, such as headaches, sideaches, backaches, kidney trouble, liver complaint, biliousness, indigestion, anaemia, neuralgia, sciatica, locomotor ataxia, and the special troubles that every woman knows, but none of them like to talk about, even to their doctors. Dr. Williams' Pink Pills are sold by retailers and the Dr. Williams' Medicine Co., Sydney, is 2s 9d a box, or six boxes 15s 3d, post free.—Advt.

AUCTION SALES.

ANNUAL SALE
OF
THOROUGHBRED YEARLINGS
WILL COMMENCE
THIS DAY, TUESDAY, AT 2 P.M. SHARP,
AT
T. PAYTEN'S NEWMARKET STABLES, RANDWICK.
WILLIAM INGLIS AND SON,
BLOOD STOCK SALESMEN,
244 PITT-STREET.

PEDIGREE HORSES.

SALE ON THE SHOW GROUNDS.

THIS DAY, TUESDAY,
at 10.30 a.m. sharp.

WILLIAM INGLIS and SON will offer a large catalogue of HORSES on the SHOW GROUNDS, MOORE PARK, THIS DAY, TUESDAY, at 10.30 A.M. SHARP,
comprising
BLOOD, ARAB, TROTTING, COACHING, HACKNEY, ROADSTER, DRAUGHT, and PONY STALLIONS and MARES;
also
Miscellaneous HIGH-CLASS HARNESS HORSES, HACKNEYS, and PONIES.

For full particulars see Saturday's Herald and Telegraph, also Catalogues.

All information concerning the above can be had at our office on the Show Grounds, adjoining the Sale Ring.

WILLIAM INGLIS and SON.
Head Office: 244 Pitt-street, Sydney.

AUCTIONEERS' NOTICE.

Owing to the Sale of Show Horses on the SHOW GROUND being held THIS DAY, TUESDAY, our usual sale at the Bazaar on that day will NOT take place.

WILLIAM INGLIS and SON,
244 Pitt-street, Sydney.

PRIME PRIZE FAT BULLOCKS,
FOR SALE,
ON THE SHOW GROUND,
TO-MORROW, WEDNESDAY,
AT 12 O'CLOCK.

WILLIAM INGLIS and SON will sell, as above, on account of the BANGHEET STATION, MOREE, N.S.W.,
4 Prime Fat Bullocks, under 6 yrs., prize-winners present show.

SHOW PIGS. SHOW PIGS.

WILLIAM INGLIS and SON have received instructions from Messrs. HENRY MARKS BROS., CASTLEREAGH, PENRITH, to sell by auction, on the Show-ground, on TUESDAY next, at 9.30 a.m.,
Tamworth Boar, Knowle Ophir II., sire Knowle Ophir, 2 (imp.), out of Rolleston—Venus (imp.).
Tamworth Sow, Rolleston Hyacinth (imp.), by Masher's Jewel.
1 Ditto ditto, Red May, by Knowle Ophir II.
1 Ditto ditto, Red Lady, by Ginger.

We have a Buyer for Draught Mares suitable for breeding purposes. Inspection at our BAZAAR TO-MORROW, WEDNESDAY, between 10 and 12 a.m.

WILLIAM INGLIS and SON.

PEDIGREE DAIRY CATTLE.

INGLIS' STOCK SALEYARDS,
opposite the Railway Gates.

TO-MORROW, WEDNESDAY,
AT 10.30 A.M.

WILLIAM INGLIS and SON will sell as above, when they will offer the following, viz.:—
On account Mr. A. B. CAHILL.
KATHLEEN, 2 years, by Lord Derby, newly calved.
On account Mr. A. HORSFIELD, Cronulla.
Fancy, pure Jersey cow, sire Favourite's Baronne.
On account Mr. C. C. HOGAN, Gosford.
Victory, dark fawn Jersey Bull, 4yrs, sire Creamer's King.
On account Mr. A. JOHNSTON, Upper Bankstown.
WALLACE 3rd, GLORIOUS, Jersey Bull, sire Clarion.
On account Mr. T. A. HINDMARSH, Gerringong.
FUCHSIA'S MAGNET BOY, Silver Fawn Bull, calved March 5, 1905; sire Magnets Boy 18th, dam Fuchsia 2nd, etc., etc.

AYRSHIRES.
On account Mr. W. OTTERY, Campbelltown.
JOKER, Brown and White Ayrshire Bull, 4yrs, sire Curly Prince.
On account Mr. ARTHUR COOPER.
HECTOR, Brown and White Ayrshire Bull, 4yrs, sire Bonnie.
On account Messrs. EAST BROS., Kiama.
Pedigree Bull.

MILKING SHORTHORNS AND DAIRY BREEDS.
On account Messrs. A. COOPER and H. BYRNE.
30 Milking Shorthorn Heifers (some springing), 2½ to 3 years old.
On account Mr. W. BARTLEY, Jun., Bega.
30 Milking Shorthorn Heifers; also a few Cows and Bulls.
On account Mr. WM. DOWNEY, Jun., Dunmore.
1 Shorthorn Bull (Milking Strain), 10 months.
On account Mr. J. ELKIN, Penrith.
Roan Shorthorn Bull, 8 months, sire His Royalty.
On account Mr. W. CAMPAGNOLO, Merrie, Milton.
1 Roan Durham Bull (Milking Strain), 1 year, of the Major breed.
On account Mr. D. KENNEDY, Milton.
2 Yearling Dairy Bulls.
On account Mr. M. J. O'GORMAN, Albion Park.
30 Yearling and 2-year-old Shorthorn (Milking Strain) Heifers, some in calf.
On account SOUTH COAST AGENTS, Bega.
50 Shorthorn (Milking Strain) Cows and Heifers
Full particulars at time of Sale.

PEDIGREE PIGS.

WILLIAM INGLIS and SON will sell by auction, at their Railway Stock Saleyards, on THURSDAY NEXT, at 3 p.m.,
On account Newington and Rookwood Asylums, Messrs. A. L. LACREVERTIER, MARK BROS., A. WILSON,
40 PEDIGREE PIGS, various breeds.

ST. MARYS CATTLE SALE.
(One hour's journey by train.)

NEXT SATURDAY WEEK, APRIL 28,
AT 12 O'CLOCK.

OUR NEXT SALE at the above Yards will be held on SATURDAY, APRIL 28th.

For full particulars of the various lots to be offered see later issues.

WILLIAM INGLIS AND SON,
Auctioneers.

SHOW STALLIONS.

THIS DAY, TUESDAY, APRIL 17, 10.30 a.m.

PITT, SON, and BADGERY, Ltd., will sell as above, on the Show Ground,
SUFFOLK PUNCH.
Account G. H. HERSCHEN, Erambie.
CATILINE, 2 years, by Royal Duke (highest-priced colt at Messrs. Dangar's Sale, August, 1900), ex Kate (champion Suffolk mare at the Royal Show, 1904).

CLYDESDALE.
Account MUDGEE HORSE SYNDICATE.
GLEN LUSS SENTINEL, dark bay horse, foaled 1901, by Sir Percival (imp.) from New Zealand, Ellen Luss Sentinel" was selected in Victoria as a two-year-old after inspecting a large number.

TROTTING STALLIONS.
Account Miss E. A. RICHARDS.
BLACKLOCK, black trotting stallion, 5 years and 7 months, sire Messenger by Childe Harold (imp.), dam by Ajax (imp.), g dam by Yattendon (imp.).

SALES.

STUD BULLS FOR PRIVATE SALE, ON THE SHOW GROUND.

Shorthorns, Herefords, Devons, Polled Angus, and Norfolk Red Polls.

Particulars on application to
PITT, SON, and BADGERY, Ltd.,
Show Ground Office, near Cattle Ring.

SHOW SALES.

30 PRIME SHOW FAT CATTLE,
including a number of pricetakers,
10 FAT SHROPSHIRE WETHERS and EWES.

FOR AUCTION, on SHOW GROUND,
WEDNESDAY, 18th APRIL, 12 o'clock.

PITT, SON, and BADGERY, Ltd., will sell as above, on account of Messrs. Chas. Baldwin, T. A. Hewitt, J. C. Manchee, G. Loder, Capel Bros., A. G. F. Munro, the Peel River Land and Mineral Co., Ltd., and the Australian Agricultural Co.

ROYAL AGRICULTURAL SOCIETY OF N.S.W.

METROPOLITAN SHOW, 1906.

PRIME FAT EXHIBITION CATTLE.

WEDNESDAY, 18th APRIL, at 12 o'clock.

WEAVER and PERRY have received instructions from the undermentioned estate owners to sell by auction, as above,
Account EDWARD WHITE, Martindale.
5 Exhibition Fat Bullocks.
Account F. S. and H. W. BELL, Pickering.
8 Exhibition Fat Bullocks.
Account JOHN H. PORTER, Evergreen, Quirindi.
2 Exhibition Fat Bullocks.

HEAD. 1000. HEAD.

SPECIAL CATTLE SALE.

MOSS VALE, THURSDAY, 19th APRIL, 1906.

J. D. WOOD and CO. will sell by Auction, at the Moss Vale Yards, on THURSDAY, 19th APRIL, at 12 o'clock sharp,
1000 HEAD MIXED CATTLE, comprising
250 Choice DAIRY HEIFERS, from 2 to 3 yrs., represented as a very superior lot,
150 Choice DAIRY HEIFERS, from 9 to 12 months,
150 Good STORE COWS,
100 STEERS, from 2 to 3 yrs., in good condition,
100 STEERS, from 12 to 18 Months,
150 Young MIXED CATTLE.

NORTH SYDNEY SALE YARDS.

CHRISTIE-STREET, ST. LEONARDS.

A. F. THOMPSON will sell by auction, at the above Yards, TO-MORROW, WEDNESDAY, at 10 o'clock,
On account Mr. T. FITZPATRICK.
10 Choice Milch Cows, with young calves at foot, specially selected from best Dairy Herds.
On account of MARSDEN BROS., Mulgrave, to close partnership accounts,
5 Choice Cows and Heifers, forward springers.
On account of Mr. A. JOHNSTON, Auburn.
9 Choice Milch Cows.
Mr. Johnston having disposed of his dairy, has given instructions to sell right out. Buyers, therefore, can attend with every confidence.
Auctioneers' Office: 60 Castlereagh-street. Tel., 2092.

FAT CATTLE. FAT CATTLE.

SHOW GROUND, MOORE PARK.

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 18, at 12 o'clock sharp.

HILL, CLARK, and COY. will sell by auction, as above,
10 Extra Prime and Weighty Bullocks and Cows, including 1st prize takers.

IMPORTANT NOTICE
TO
Ladies and Gentlemen Furnishing, Visitors from the Country, the Furniture Trade, and others.

ATTRACTIVE AUCTION SALE
AT
THE ROOMS, 330 GEORGE-STREET
(2 doors from Messrs. Paling and Co.),
ON
THURSDAY NEXT, APRIL 19,
at Eleven O'Clock [illegible] a.m.
A SPECIAL SHIPMENT
OF
ARTISTIC ENGLISH FURNITURE,
direct from the manufacturers.

ELECTROPLATED TABLE APPOINTMENTS
VALUABLE PICTURES, CHOICE ORNAMENTS
CARPET SQUARES, INDIAN RUGS, CURTAINS.

SEVERAL VALUABLE PIANOFORTES.

*** FOR FULL PARTICULARS SEE LATER ADVERTISEMENTS.

*** ON VIEW WEDNESDAY, from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

MESSRS. H. AND A. LAWSON, AUCTIONEERS, 330 GEORGE-STREET (ONLY), have been favoured with instructions from the CONSIGNEE to conduct the IMPORTANT SALE BY AUCTION, as above.

PLEASE NOTE THE ADDRESS.

SPECIAL AUCTION NOTICE.

THE HANA-OKA COLLECTION
of
JAPANESE ART PRODUCTIONS.

TO BE SOLD BY AUCTION,
TO-MORROW, WEDNESDAY, APRIL 18,
AT ELEVEN O'CLOCK A.M.
AT A MAGNIFICENT EXHIBITION,
***ON VIEW THIS DAY, TUESDAY
JAMES R. LAWSON AND LITTLE'S
COMMODIOUS AUCTION ROOMS
128-130 PITT-STREET, near KING-STREET.
TELEPHONE, 2056.

MOORE PARK.

TO-MORROW, AT 11 O'CLOCK,

IMPORTANT SALE BY AUCTION,
at
886 CLEVELAND-STREET.
THE COMPLETE FURNISHINGS OF A 2-STORY HOUSE,
including
SPLENDID SELLING PIANOFORTE,
Imported through PALING and CO., Ltd., being almost NEW.

Table Appointments, Canopy Top 5ft Sideboard, Austrian Suite, Leather Couch, Overmantels, Brussels Carpets, All Linoleums, Brussels Stair Carpet and Rods, Finest Silk Tapestry, Drawing Suite, Beautiful and Costly Ornaments, Pictures, Curtains, Steam-moulded Bedroom Suites, Double and Single Bedsteads and Bedding, Duchesse Toilet Pairs, Toilet Ware, Cedar Chests, etc., etc.
KITCHEN REQUISITES, etc.

*** The whole of the Furniture, etc., has only been in use a short time, and is practically equal to NEW.

SYDNEY DAVIS AND CO.,
AUCTIONEERS,
Offices: 2 Post Office-chambers. Tel., 2157.

THIS DAY, TUESDAY, APRIL 17,
on the Premises,
No. 410 GEORGE-STREET,
at 2 o'clock.

In the Estate of E. HORDERN and SONS.

FIXTURES AND FITTINGS OF THREE LARGE SHOPS FRONTING GEORGE-STREET.

Milner's Safe, 24½ x 18½ inside measurement
Counters, Chairs, Benches, Gas Fittings, Glass Show Cases, Mirrors, Floor Coverings
Brass Fittings and Windows, Desks, Cabinet, Cash Register.
Also,
Electric Light Fittings, consisting of 8 Excello Arc Lamps, etc., etc.

FRASER, UTHER, AND CO.
have received instructions to sell by auction the above.

THIS DAY, AT 11 A.M. SHARP,
On the Premises,
140 CASTLEREAGH-STREET, CITY.
UNDER IMPERATIVE INSTRUCTIONS.

SOLID CEDAR EXTENDING DINING TABLE
LARGE CEDAR SIDEBOARD, Rev. p.p. back
CEDAR and PINE WARDROBES, p.g. doors
DUCHESSE PAIRS, Chests of Drawers, Toilet-ware
WALNUT CABINET, Austrian Furniture, Linoleums, Carpets
DOUBLE 4-TESTER BEDSTEADS, with Bedding
SINGLE and 3 DEBISTEADS and BEDDING
High-back Elmwood Chairs, Glassware, China
Washstands, Tables, Cot, Pictures, Churn, Whatnots
DINING-ROOM SUITE in AMERICAN LEATHER
Gilt Overmantel, Eureka Gas Stoves, Marble Clocks
Household and Laundry Requisites
Also,
Quantity of HED LINEN, 4 Chests of TEA
TABLE CUTLERY, CRUETS, KNIVES, etc, etc.

BARNARD AND CO.
will sell by auction as above.
POSITIVELY WITHOUT RESERVE.
Auctioneers' Offices, 140 Castlereagh-st. Tel., 3778.

THIS DAY, TUESDAY,
AT KELSON'S CENTRAL SALEROOMS,
115 BATHURST-STREET.
MORNING AT 11, AFTERNOON AT 2.
HOUSEHOLD FURNISHINGS AND EFFECTS.
MAGNIFICENT UPRIGHT GRAND PIANO
3 Cottage Pianos, American Organ (17 stops)
Easels, and Pine-top Tbls. Tables, Aust. Chairs, Mirrors
H.B. Oak Chairs, Walnut Overmantels, Pictures
Oil Paintings, Lace Curtains, Rattan Chairs and Settee
Linoleums, Carpets, Sideboards, Glassware
A number of Second-hand Bedsteads, all sizes
4-pce. Bedroom Suites, Wardrobes, M.T. Washstands
Bissell Carpet Sweeper, Cedar Chests, Lace Curtains
Comb. Chests, Toilet Pairs, Sets Ware, Lace Curtains, etc.
H. KELSON,
AUCTIONEER,
will sell on sect. various owners as above.

TO DEALERS AND OTHERS.
HYAM HAINS has received instructions from the proprietor, who is leaving the State, to sell by Public Auction, TO-MORROW, Wednesday, at 11 a.m., on the premises, No. 70 Mary-street, off Albion-street, Surry Hills,—Household Furniture and Effects, the same being in A1 condition.
PIANO (Lieblich), a good instrument, Drawing-room Suite, well upholstered, 7 pieces
Carpets, Pictures, OVERMANTELS, Fender and Irons
Loo Tables, Cheval Table, and Kitchen Utensils.
DINING TABLES, Bead Blinds, Axe, Furniture, Sideboard, Chif. Safe, Glassware, T. Glasses, 2 Wardrobes, Duchesse Toilets, Drawers, W. and Wash-Chest-of-drawers, Knee-hole Dresser, K. Tables, 4-tester Bedsteads and Bedding, Curtains, Crockery, Laundry Utensils, Sundries, etc., etc. No reserve. Terms cash. Auctioneer's Office: 248 Pitt-st. Tel. 2567.

TO-MORROW, WEDNESDAY, 18th April, at 11 o'clock. On the premises lately occupied by E. BRADY, as a Branch Marble Works, corner of Rose-st and Parramatta-road, Forest Lodge.—An S-H.P. CROSSLEY GAS ENGINE, in first-class order; can be seen working.
A 5-H.P. GAS ENGINE, PULLEYS, Shafting, Sundries.
JAMES COWAN has received instructions to sell the above, NO RESERVE.

THIS DAY, AT 2.30.
MIDDLETON and CO. sell by auction, at No. 170 George-street West, a large quantity of Superior Second-hand Clothing, Blankets, Bed Linen; also, really good Household Furniture and Sundries.

THIS DAY, TUESDAY, at 2 o'clock,
HENRY LEVY will sell by auction, at 261 Cleveland-street, Clothing, Boots, Furniture, Gold and Silver Jewellery, etc. NO RESERVE.

J. T. JONES will sell This Day 10 a.m., at 8 Stirling-street, Furniture, Bedding, etc. No reserve.

BUILDING MATERIALS.

LIRING Councils, secondhand wanted, apply John Wilson, Bulkhead Hill's, [illegible].

BUSINESSES FOR SALE OR WANTED.

P. V. RYAN AND CO., 114A PITT-STREET.

HOTEL.—North Shore Line, on main road, takings £40 weekly, draws 6 x 36, well furn., long lease, £275.

HOTEL.—Heart of city, 10 years' lease, elaborately appointed and in tip-top order throughout, beer trade avg. 8 x 8 xxx. wkly., tak. £175 wkly., finest 6d bar in the city, just instructed, full pr. £3000, terms

HOTEL.—Suburban, money-making house, rent £2, sells 5 x 36 xxx. wkly., really worked, suit beginner, £300

8 AND 9 POST OFFICE CHAMBERS, OPPOSITE G.P.O.

JOSEPH and CO.
Business Agents. Estab. 1866.
Largest Register Businesses and Boarding-houses.
106 KING-STREET.

BOARDING-HOUSE, Darlinghurst, 24 rooms, grandly furn., easy rent, valuable piano, large supply plate, linen, high-class connection, 20 permanent boarders, £375. JOSEPH and CO., 106 King-street.

BOARDING-HOUSE, North Sydney, 18 rooms, beautiful bath, view, tennis court, rent 45s, handsomely furn., very clean, good piano, superior connection; offer wanted. JOSEPH and CO., 106 King-street.

BOARDING-H., B'hurst, 12 rooms, rent 30s, nicely furn., 12 boarders, gift £90. Joseph and Co.

RESID. 7 rooms, select city pos., 14 rms., clear profits £3 wkly., well furn., £150. Joseph and Co.

AGENCY, Stationery, 7000 papers wkly., also large shop trade, trial given, rent 24s, blocked run, very compact, genuine reasons selling, cheapest agency ever offered, £630. JOSEPH and CO., 106 King-street.

AGENCY, Stat., clear profits £3 wkly., trial given, rare chance, £100. Joseph and Co.

BUTCHER'S, elite sub., clear profits £30 per ann., tiled shop, handsomely fitted, main st., 5-rm. house, horses, carts, grand plant, top prices, strictest investigation, £325. JOSEPH and CO., 106 King-street.

PASTRY, Refresh., and Luncheon Rooms, George-st, takings £25 wkly., moderate rent, good residence, well fitted and furn., grand connection, £150 or offer. JOSEPH and CO., 106 King-street.

COL. Wine, Fruit, Conf., Refresh., centre city, clear profits £3 wk., trial, £85. Joseph and Co.

GROCERY, Conf., Mixed, tak. £30 wkly., rent 15s, well stocked, See this, £70. Joseph and Co.

HAM, Beef, S'goods, city, shop alone tak. £13 wk., trial, rent 20s, gift £50. Joseph and Co.

TOBAC., B'dressers, centre city, clear profits £3 wk., gd. residence, special bargain, £120. Joseph, Co.

CONF., Refresh., suburban, tak. £18 wkly., rent 25s, trial given, £100. Joseph and Co., 106 King-st.

JOSEPH and CO., Hotel Brokers, 106 King-street.

Hotel, good shipping corner, rent 50s, cash £90.
Hotel, George-st, billiards, suit country couple, £120.
Hotel, Redfern corner, tak. £25 week, only £150.
Hotel, fur[illegible] good business corner, £200.
Hotel, at large works, pays £100 month, proof, £200.
Hotel, main traffic corner, 7 x 36's w., big prof., £275.
Hotel, sports ground, lease 10 yr., tak. £40 wk., £325.
Hotel (Tooth's), Fyrmont cor., paym. £150 m., £400.
Hotel (Tooth's), 13 y., rent £3, avg. 6 x 36's w., £500.
Hotel, at L. works, rent 30s, 5 x 36's w., £325.
Hotel, Circ. Quay, 5 x 54's wk., no opposition, £575.
Hotel, city, best pos., 2 bars, tak. £120 week, £400.
Hotel, King-st., tak. £75 wk., cor., £350.
Hotel, train jun., 26 y., rent £3, £45 week, £700.
Hotel, rail. stn., 30 x 30's month, rent 70s, free, £650.
Hotel, 100 miles out, rent 30s, 2 bars, tak. £70, £375.
Hotel, 30 miles out, rent 30s, noted tourist res., £350.
Hotel, FREE, good car., live man, full price £150.

HOTEL.—City, best known house in Australia, clear profits £1500 yr., £4000, terms. Henry, 134 Pitt-st.

HOTEL.—Shipping centre, draws 9 hds beer wkly., rent £5, £1800, 1 only. Ivan Henry, 134 Pitt-st.

HOTEL.—Illawarra line, lease 14 yrs. at £4 wk., bar takings £80 wk., £2700. Henry, 134 Pitt-st.

HOTEL.—King-st, 2 bars, billiards, proof takings £110 wk., a bargain at £750 cash. 134 Pitt-st.

HOTEL.—Newtown, principal corner, rent 45s, new premises, £775. Ivan Henry, 134 Pitt-st.

HOTEL.—Bedfern, lease 5 years at 40s, licensee selling through old age, £775. Ivan Henry, 134 Pitt-st.

HOTEL.—William-st, lease 8 years, rent £2, free house, full price £400, or offer. 134 Pitt-st.

HOTEL.—Kent-st, fine corner,

MONETARY AND COMMERCIAL.

FINANCIAL.

The banks, the wholesale business houses, the insurance offices, and other institutions which closed for the Easter holidays on Thursday evening will open again for the resumption of business this morning. The Sydney Stock Exchange, however, remains closed until Thursday.

INDUSTRIAL INVESTMENTS IN JAPAN.

The idea of raising money in Great Britain for Japanese industrial enterprises has long been contemplated by the Industrial Bank of Japan, and as 120,000 shares of the bank itself have been placed in the old country, it is understood that active operations are about to be commenced. This bank, over which the Japanese Government exercises close supervision, has a capital of £1,750,000, and the right to issue debentures to 10 times that amount. The idea of the bank, as explained by the president, is to raise money abroad for investment in Japan by issuing its own debentures to foreign capitalists. "Our success in this scheme," he added, "will, of course, depend on the credit our bank may come to command in foreign countries. In this respect we think, however, that we are in a favourable position. In the first place our bank, it will be hardly necessary to say, is a national institution, created by a special Act of the Imperial Diet, and as such is an institution of the utmost reliability. Our reinstitution once established abroad, I think our bank will become an important medium between our industrial world and foreign money markets."

BAD YEAR FOR LONDON DOCKS.

The report of the London and India Docks Company for last year is not at all pleasant reading. For several years in succession there has been a serious falling-off in the business done, and the year 1905 was the worst of all. The net revenue shows a deficit of over £50,000, and the question of making the London shipping business pay gets more serious every year. The dock tonnage fell off about 150,000 tons, and the major portion of the shortage had reference to the weight of imports. Mainly the loss from imports was concerned with wheat and flour, and, as in the instance while in 1904 the shipments from the Atlantic ports were only equal to 12 million quarters. In 1903 they were 10½ million quarters. London got its quota made up from other sources, naturally, but the trade was not so profitable. London is still the first port in the world, but a London paper questions whether it will long remain that if the heavy dues, rates, and general charges continue to be enforced. Already there was evidence of more than one important manufacturing company leaving the Thames altogether, and there are, it is stated, more to follow. The whole system of the manner of import and export to and from London is, according to this journal, in need of drastic alteration and amendment.

CANCELLING CONTRACTS.

In some straight and wholesome talk which will probably be appreciated by many Sydney commercial men, the manager of a large business establishment in the United States recently observed:—"Experience has shown that where you cancel a man's order, you may as well count him out of your prospects. Experience has also shown that, where you make a man perform his part of a contract, even after a hard fight, in three cases out of four you make a better and a more permanent customer of him. In the fourth case, you at least have your goods in the town. You stand a better chance of selling to some other dealer than if you had allowed the buyer to cancel his order and politely bow you out of his market. Also, a business house should not be afraid of any notoriety it gets from a fight of this kind. It does not hurt the house with reputable dealers; rather it increases its prestige and the respect of the general trade for it. No man can respect a concern that does not stand up for its rights and, if necessary, fight for them."

PROGRESS OF THE P. AND O. COMPANY.

Twenty-five years ago the P. and O. Company's fleet comprised 46 steamers (only one of which was built of steel), aggregating 128,443 tons, an average of 2792 tons. In December last the fleet consisted of 58 steamers, totalling 386,474 tons, an average of 6318 tons. Notwithstanding that the tonnage has almost trebled, it will be seen by the following figures that the earnings of the fleet from freight, passengers, and mails have only increased about 41 per cent.:—

	1880.	1905.
Passage money	£92,768	£84,087
Freight	975,293	1,368,748
Postal services	484,764	720,653

Or, put in another way, says "Fairplay," the company's ships in 1880 earned £7 11s 10d per gross register ton of freight, and £2 12s 5d in passage money; whereas last year the steamers earned only £4 6s 8d and £2 13s 8d respectively, and the sum received for total services decreased from £3 15s 5d to 18s per ton. The total amount received under the above three heads was £215 per ton in 1880, as compared with £7 18s 4d last year. The book value of the company's fleet in 1880 was £2,212,633. These vessels cost about £4,156,860, or £32 14s 3d per ton to build. The fleet at the end of last year cost about £7,320,400, or £19 1s 6d per ton to build. In 1880 the company's capital was reduced by 20 per cent., this amount being returned to the shareholders, and the capital divided into preferred and deferred shares. When this change was made the preferred shares were quoted at 182, and the deferred at 187; they are now quoted at 128½ and 240½ respectively.

OUR DEBT TO IRON.

It has been said that the people who control the production of iron will eventually dominate the world. This was a saying both flattering and comforting to the British public at one time; for only a few years ago Great Britain controlled the production of the grey metal, and joyfully accepted the prophecy associated with it. But, a writer in "The Ironmonger" truly observes, things have changed, and the centre of production has shifted across the Atlantic. Nevertheless the control still belongs to the Anglo-Saxon race, and so the domination of the universe may fall to that race in the end. Anglo-Saxondom supplies about three-fourths of the world's iron, and consumes very nearly the same proportion. And it must be understood that iron consumption is a test of modern civilisation. If iron has not entered into our soul, it has indeed entered into our life, and that in many ways but little appreciated.

It would be a curious speculation to consider what would happen if, by a mysterious change in the laws of Nature, all the iron in the world should suddenly lose its special characteristics—should become, for example, liquid at ordinary temperatures, like quicksilver. We should then realise sharply how much we are indebted to iron. Half the great buildings in civilised countries would come toppling down, for their bones are of iron. All communication would cease, and so would all mechanical work, for there would not be a single machine left in the whole world. War would cease—until a supply of bows and arrows was forthcoming—and all the fleets would be at the bottom of the sea. These are some of the great things in which the importance of iron is easily recognised; but the metal dominates our lives in all sorts of small ways.

COMMERCIAL.

GREAT BRITAIN AS A CUSTOMER.

The imports of fresh beef into Great Britain for the first two months of the year totalled 188,500 cwts. Ninety-five per cent. of the imports were divided between the Argentine Republic and the United States, Australia's contribution being only 10,570 cwts.

WORLD'S OUTPUT OF PIG IRON.

It is estimated that the world's production of pig iron in 1905 was 53,000,000 tons, a gain of 8,000,000 tons over the preceding year. The United States last year produced 22,992,380 tons, or 43.3 per cent. of the world's total production. In 1905 the United States produced 6,495,247 tons more pig iron than in 1904, so that all but 1,500,000 tons of the gain of 8,000,000 tons was contributed by the United States. The United States produced about 37 per cent. of the world's production in 1904, and at the present rate of progress it should not be long, as was recently remarked in this column, before it is producing more than one-half of the world's output. Germany was the second largest producer last year with 10,987,000 metric tons, Great Britain coming third with an output of 5,892,000 tons. Twenty years ago the United States turned out only some 4,000,000 tons. Germany has made big headway, almost doubling her production in 20 years; whilst Great Britain's output during the same period has increased 23 per cent. Of the world's output last year, the United States Steel Corporation produced about 20 per cent., but its consumption amounted to nearly 25 per cent.

In frozen mutton and lambs the Australian contribution for January and February was 256,100 cwts., out of a total of 544,950 cwts. New Zealand supplied 56,280 cwts., and the Argentine quota was 207,600 cwts. Shipments from Australia showed an increase of 45,000 cwts., compared with the corresponding months of 1905.

Nearly 50 per cent. of the rabbits imported into the United Kingdom during January and February came from Australia, the figures showing that out of a total of 66,440 cwts. imported, the Commonwealth sent 32,200 cwts., valued at £32,800. This compares with 7872 cwts., sent in January-February, 1905. New Zealand this year sent 14,000 cwt. to Great Britain, which is about the same as sent last year.

During January and February Great Britain imported from Australia 1,037,000 undressed sheepskins, valued at £144,000, compared with 612,800 skins imported in January and February, 1905. Australian shipments comprised about 35 per cent. of the total importations. About 4719 cwts. wet hides were imported from Australia for a similar period, as against 831 cwts. for January-February, 1905.

The imports of tallow and stearine into Great Britain for January and February totalled 250,000 cwts., Australia being by far the largest contributor with 139,600 cwts. The value of these products to Australia was £193,168. For a similar period last year the total imports were worth £97,362, and for the corresponding period in 1904 £238,958, thus showing an increase in two years of over 500 per cent.

BREADSTUFFS.

Our Wheat in London.—Wheat shippers will doubtless be interested in a suggestion recently made by the Victorian Agent-General (Mr. Tavernor), with respect to the question of arbitration adopted by the London Corn Trade Association in regard to Australian grain. Mr. Tavernor asserts that the system is in every way disadvantageous to the shippers. Each season a standard quality and weight of wheat is fixed and forwarded under seal to the association in London. According to Mr. Tavernor, so long as the price of wheat remains firm shipments are not questioned, but if there is a fall in prices while a consignment is on the water the buyers in London lodge a claim for arbitration upon the arrival of the vessel in port. Each side appoints an arbitrator, and the two arbitrators sitting together make an award. The Victorian Agent-General states that in almost every case the shipper has had to pay, the result being that the standard sample should be lodged in the Agent-General's office, and the arbitrator, who is now very often merely an advocate for his side, should be a permanent official attached to the Corn Trade Association. In commenting upon the suggestion, a London milling journal states that Mr. Tavernor "evidently does not fully understand the system of arbitration in vogue in London. It is a perfectly gratuitous assertion to make that only when prices decline is arbitration resorted to; this, of course, is not the fact. London arbitrators are not human, and they may err, but nobody can doubt their honesty and integrity. An official arbitrator in the Agent-General's office would be quite impracticable."

Wheat from the Border.—The quantities of wheat transferred from New South Wales into Victoria bordervise during the month of March were:—

Station.	Centals.
Echuca	12,114
Cobram	156
Tocumwal	9,046
Wahgunyah	1,462
Wodonga	99
Yarrawonga	11,883
Total	35,770

During December 92,10 7centals were transferred, during January 272,294 centals, and during February 202,650 centals, making with the above a total of 702,821 centals, or 1,171,368 bushels for the four months.

GENERAL MERCHANDISE.

The Future of the Bahamas Sponge Fisheries.—According to the "British Pharmaceutical Journal," there were 265 schooners of from 5 to 43 tons burden, and 223 sloops of from 1 to 10 tons burden, with an aggregate tonnage of 3622 employed in the Bahamas sponge fishery business in the year 1904-5. Attached to the vessels were 3547 open boats, and 5547 men and boys were employed on them. In addition to these there were 221 open boats engaged, manned by the owners, to the number of 445, who lived on the coasts of several of the out-islands. Much alarm had been felt respecting the future prospects of this industry which is of so great economic importance to the colony. Disquieting reports as to the exhaustion of the sponge beds, and the increasing quantities of small sponges brought to market, which should have been left in the beds to grow to a proper marketable size, led to the enactment of a law under which a sponge fishery Board was constituted, with certain powers for the regulation of the fisheries, and provided with a small annual grant for expenses. The report of the board stated that the beds were thickly sown with small sponges, which were constantly being gathered by the itinerant fishermen who were continually working over the fields, pulling all the sponge they could find without regard to size or quality, in consequence of which there were very few large sponges to be found anywhere.

Cutlery for the Admiralty.—Several of the Sheffield manufactories are said to be suffering a curtailment of business through the policy of strict economy, which seems to be pervading the whole of the Government departments. A case in point, it appears, is the last Admiralty contract for table cutlery, which, although nearly a year overdue, only specified 1007 table knives, 800 dessert knives, 120 meat carvers, and 120 game carvers. These quantities are considerably below the average, and will probably be made in last longer than usual. The contracts for plate, files, and tools this year were all reduced likewise.

PROPERTY SALES.

Richardson and Wrench, Ltd., report having sold, on the ground, at Katoomba, on Easter Monday, in conjunction with Messrs. Goyder Bros., various portions of the Sunnyside Estate subdivision at prices ranging from 28s 6d to 12s per foot frontage.

A COMMONWEALTH STOCK.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE HERALD.

Sir,—In your issue of the 14th Mr. Deakin is reported as saying, "The advantage would be the establishment of a single Australian stock, which every financial authority says would be a great advantage as compared with the present method of dealing with Australian stocks."

Now, in the first place, in every financial transaction two financiers are required, the lender or his agent and the borrower; and the knowledge of finance in the latter is generally inferior, often absent, to that of the financiers referred to by Mr. Deakin are on the lender side, as these are those commonly indicated by the word "financier," although he generally combines both as a middleman, and there can be no doubt but that from his point of view what he says is right, but how about the other side?

This country is a producer, and pays interest on borrowed money by produce (including gold) exported, and so keeps up its credit and, at times in the future it may repay the debt, and the real security the lender has is in the growth of productiveness.

Let us now consider what a private producer having financial tact would do if he required, say, up to £10,000 to increase the size or productivity of his works, station, or other property worth the same sum. How would he approach his banker? He would know that if he asked a ten-thousand overdraft at once it would most likely be refused point blank, and would therefore split up his demand in some suitable way, so that work which was most important to him could be undertaken first, he giving his £10,000 as security. When he could show profitable results from that it would be easy to get a second, third, or other advance, until he had the whole amount, which it would have been useless to ask for at once, and in each case would be able to make good terms.

There seems reason to believe that had our politicians proceeded to float loans on similar lines, which they would have done had they been statesmen, the present financial position would have been better than it is, so that there would not be the constantly recurring fear of having to renew a general loan at a time when the money market was high. Thus had the 42 or 43 millions expended from loan account been issued as railway bonds, guaranteed by the State, better terms might have been made; and this also applies to Sydney Water and Sewerage bonds, Harbour Trusts, and the projected water conservation and irrigation schemes. By doing this, instead of the State indebtedness being quoted as some 87 millions sterling for a million and a half of people, at which lenders hold up their hands and button their pockets, it would be 20 to 35 millions.

It is a weakness of mankind to talk about big figures, which is perhaps the reason why the standard money of so many countries is fixed so very low, and our politicians are not exempt from it, so they might object to 50 millions being struck out of loans and the interest out of the budget. The conversion into a Commonwealth loan would have the same effect, and seems likely to be worse for the taxpayers in the future. I am, etc.,

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BUILDINGS AND WORKS.

PROGRESS OF THE TRADE.

ASCOT RACECOURSE AND BUILDINGS.

The forming of tracks, laying out of grounds, and erection of buildings for the new racecourse known as "Ascot," at Botany, has been completed. The work was started in June, 1905, and since that date it has proceeded continuously under both the day labour and contract system. The site of the new course comprises an area of about 100 acres, bounded by the Botany-road on the east, Lord's and New Government roads on the north and west, and on the south by the waters of Botany Bay, a fine view of which is obtained from the stands and lawns round the course.

The constructed course is one and a quarter mile in length, and 60ft in width. Considerable excavation had to be made, and a half-mile of lowlying swampy land had to be filled in. A large hill in the centre of the grounds had to be removed to permit a full view of the whole course, and the hill on which the stands are placed had to be built up. The question of drainage was a serious one, as water ran through the land from all parts of North Botany, and also from Kensington, floods being of frequent occurrence. A drain has been constructed on the land of the company entirely outside of the course large enough to take any known flood.

The total excavations made were about 75,000 tons, of which material about 25,000 tons were used for construction, floods grounds for the stands and lawns. The turfing, much of which is 9in in thickness, was cut in squares of 1ft, and in completion of the work on course, lawns, and saddling paddock about 650,000 of these had to be cut and placed in position.

The whole of this work was carried out under the supervision of Mr. Percy W. Nelson, civil engineer.

Two gateway entrances to the course have been erected—to the saddling paddock and to the Leger reserve—from Lord's-road, to which the tramway authorities have extended the tramline from Botany-road, thus connecting the traffic direct to the course. The saddling paddock and grand stand reserve are together 1000ft in length. They contain 95 horse stalls, and the official stand, grand stand, bar, etc. The official stand comprises secretary's office, weighing-room, jockeys' dressing-room (with lockers for 45 jockeys), the committee and inquiry rooms. Rooms for stewards, press, and guests are arranged on the first floor, with balconies overlooking the course. The grand stand has been erected at a good elevation overlooking the course, and gives seating accommodation for about 900 people. Ladies' tea and cloak rooms are provided for under the stand. The Leger reserve is supplied with Leger stand seating accommodation for 700, also bar stand. The whole of the work of erecting stands, staiding, and all other structures was carried out by Messrs. Wood Brothers, of Petersham, from the designs and under the superintendence of Mr. B. Hadley, architect, 418 George-street.

ARMOUR PLATE FOR BANK VAULTS.

The Carnegie Steel Company has just closed a contract with the Commercial National Bank of Chicago (says the "Iron Trade Review") for the construction of the largest armour plate safety deposit vault in the world. It will be 40ft square and 9ft high, and the material to be used is the nickel steel Harveyised face-hardened steel, identical with that used by the United States Government to protect its battleships and cruisers. In addition to this immense safety deposit vault the Carnegie Steel Company will build for the same company a cash bank vault with interior dimensions 36ft by 11ft by 9ft high. With the construction of the vestibule to the vaults particular care has been taken, and this vestibule will be 10ft square, walls 8in thick, and the door jambs 14in thick, forged from one solid ingot of armour plate weighing about 20 tons. The doors at the main entrance will be 8ft in diameter, 21in thick, and will weigh 17 tons. The inner doors will be 6ft in thick, fitted with bolted mechanism controlled by double dial combination locks.

PUBLIC SCHOOL IMPROVEMENTS.

The architect for Public schools, Mr. Wigram, is steadily making improvements in all directions, and at the present time he is not only busy in carrying out repairs, alterations, and additions to many existing school premises, but plans are on his table for new work in different parts of the State. A new school is to be erected at Tingha, a place right out west, for which a contract was let last week at a cost of £1360. It was the second time that tenders were called for the job. Mr. W. J. Brown is the contractor. A new teacher's residence is to be erected at Galston, near Dural. A contract has been let to carry out this work at a cost of £690. School buildings constructed on the most improved lines, and fitted with every convenience, according to the plans adopted from the Education Commissioner's report, are to be erected at North Annandale. The estimated cost is about £5000. Tenders are to be opened to-day. At Galston, near Dural, a teacher's residence is now being built at a cost of £600. At Baulkham Hills, the teacher's residence is being remodelled. The Darling-road, Balmain, school is having a new staircase and hall built, with a stone front to same. This is to make the means of egress more easy should a fire break out or a panic of any kind arise. The department proposes to erect a room for manual training and the teaching of science at the Petersham school. Tenders for this work are under consideration. At the same school it is proposed to add to the girls' department similar rooms in which to teach domestic science. At Goulburn the department has fitted up at considerable expense certain rooms to be used as superior classrooms for the reception of high grades of education, such as science. The Enmore school has been thoroughly remodelled, and is now quite complete. This has been a large undertaking. The additional rooms just added are not yet furnished with the new desks and seats, often absent, to be, however, being specially made for the occasion. The new school at Wickham, which was the first school building erected under the new design, has now been furnished, and will be opened after the holidays. For months it is proposed to form a commercial high school, and to provide the necessary accommodation one of the schools of the district will in all probability be fitted up for the purpose. At Warawee a new school building is being erected, and at Wahroonga has been commenced on a new site. The building will be a two-storied one, large enough to meet the requirements of a growing population. The cost of the work will be about £2000. Additions are to be made to the Hornsby school. At Bondi the teacher's residence is being enlarged. The plans for the first division of the Rose Bay school are nearly ready. Accommodation is being provided in this building for about 200 children. At Newtown North a further extension of the school building is contemplated. A wing was added to this school about five or six years ago. A large number of repairs of all descriptions are at present being carried out to many of the schools in the metropolitan division.

GENERAL NOTES.

The plans having been completed, tenders are now called, returnable on 7th May, for the erection and completion of a block of buildings to be erected in Martin-place for the University of Sydney. The drawings were prepared jointly by the Government Architect and Messrs. Robertson and Marks, and the work will be carried out under their supervision. The job is an extensive one.

The weekly meeting of the Tender Board of the Public Works Department will be held this afternoon. The most important tenders will be those for erecting a Public school at Annandale North. This school, the departmental estimate for which is between £4000 and £5000 will be a two-storied brick building, fitted up on the most modern lines, and in the direction of what the department considers school buildings should be. The site is in Johnston-street, not far from the head of the bay.

The board will also have under consideration tenders for the supply and erection of electric lifts and cranes for the Naval Victualling Stores now being erected at Darling Island.

Tenders also close to-day with the board for erecting spawning ponds for trout at Jenolan.

The restoration of Christ Church, St. Laurence, which some few months ago was destroyed by fire, has just been completed under the supervision of Mr. Burcham Clamp, architect, at a cost of something like £5000. The interior of the building presents a pleasing appearance, while the roofing of both building and spire has been renewed throughout. New paths have been laid. The flooring in some places has been lowered. The seating has been remodelled, painting, and decorating work has been carried out on a large scale, and several additions made to the ornamentation of the church, memorial gifts in several instances having been brought into existence. A description of the work appeared in Friday's issue.

Tenders are called by the Government of Queensland to rewire (for electric light) the Parliament Houses at Brisbane, and to supply electric motors to the Government Printing Office at Brisbane.

It is proposed to build a parish hall in connection with St. Paul's Anglican Church, Chatswood. The building will be large, and constructed of weatherboards. Tenders are now called to carry out the work.

The accommodation at the Royal North Shore Hospital having become inadequate to meet the demands of a growing population, Messrs. Josseland and Vernon, architects, have prepared plans for a new wing, for which tenders are now called.

Plans are being prepared by Mr. Oliver Harley, architect, for residences at Turramurra and Waverley. Tenders will shortly be called for both these jobs.

TENDERS ACCEPTED.

The following contracts were let last week:—

BY ARCHITECTS.

Killara.—Erection of a residence in Greengate-road, Killara. Mr. Oliver Harley, architect; Mr. G. H. Clarke, of Woolwich, builder.

Woollahra.—Erection of a cottage in Victoria-road, Belle Vue Hill. Mr. Oliver Harley, architect; Messrs. Ashdown and Carne, builders.

Alexandria.—Erection of a boot factory for Messrs. Wilson, Pechter, and Co. Mr. S. M. Belcher, architect; Mr. E. Banner, builder.

ADDITIONAL CONTRACTS.

During last week the following additional contracts were announced in our business columns:—

BY ARCHITECTS.

Darling Point.—Fencing, trellis work, and other improvements to residence. Mr. James Peddle, architect, 13 Bond-street.

North Sydney.—Erection of an additional ward at the Royal North Shore Hospital of Sydney. Messrs. Josseland and Vernon, architects, 9 Castlereagh-street.

Westmead.—Painting and repairs to the Boys' Home, Westmead. Tenders close 21st April. Messrs. Sheerin and Hennessy, architects, 245 Pitt-street.

Newcastle.—Erection of a warehouse for Messrs. J. Burke and Sons. Plans may be seen at the office of Messrs. Josseland and Vernon, architects, 9 Castlereagh-street, Sydney, and Mr. F. B. Menkens, architect, Scott-street, Newcastle. Tenders close 21st April.

Mosman.—Erection of a residence in Tirolli-street. Mr. Thomas J. Darling, architect, 12 Spring-street.

Cremorne.—Erection of a residence, Mr. Rutledge Lemm, architect, 360 George-street.

Epping.—Painting and repairs to a cottage residence, Mr. L. L. Ramsay, architect, Ramsay's-chambers, 58 Pitt-street.

North Sydney.—Erection of a shop in Miller-street, Mr. Arthur F. Pritchard, architect, 19 Macquarie-street.

Pymble.—Masonry and brickwork, Mr. A. Somerville, architect, Commercial Bank-chambers, Margaret-street.

La Perouse.—Erection of a four-roomed brick cottage, Mr. Gordon, Runnerong-road, La Perouse.

Summer Hill.—Erection of a two-story brick dwelling. Plans at 57 Cumma-road, Petersham.

Martin-place.—Erection and completion of a block of buildings in Martin-place, for the Senate of the University of Sydney. Tenders to be sent to the Registrar of the University before Monday, 7th May. Messrs. W. L. Vernon, Government Architect, and Messrs. Robertson and Marks are the joint architects.

Coogee.—Erection of a cottage residence in Carr-street. Mr. A. A. Lewis, architect, Alison-road, Randwick.

Randwick.—Erection of a cottage and stables. Mr. A. A. Lewis, architect, Alison-road, Randwick.

MISCELLANEOUS WORKS.

Katoomba.—Erection of buildings, plant, and laying of mains for supplying the townships of Katoomba and Leura with gas. Plans and specifications with Mr. J. C. Alexander, Equitable-buildings, George-street, Sydney. Tenders close 28th inst., with Mr. L. V. Puckle, acting secretary of the Katoomba and Leura Gas Company, Ltd., 104 Pitt-street.

Chatswood.—Erection of a parish hall in weatherboard, St. Paul's Church, Chatswood. Mr. A. H. Hale, 2 Hunter-street.

Campsie.—Erection of a weatherboard store, also brick cottage. Plans at 15 Wellesley-street, Summer Hill.

Botany.—Erection of a four-roomed cottage (brick). Mr. Jordan, Bunnerong-road, opposite Cemetery-road, Botany.

BY PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT.

To close to-day.—Bridge over Mooki River, road Gunnedah to Somerton; construction of pump well and engine house, rising main, and reticulation, Corowa water supply; bridge, regulator, approaches, and completion of cutting at Tuppal Creek (fresh tenders); erection of Public schools, Annandale North (three extended); miscellaneous repairs, etc., Victoria Barracks; repairs to mantlet, rifle range, Picton; repairs and painting, Supreme Court; two bridges tacks for the Government Savings Bank, Sydney; supply and erection of electric cranes for the naval victualling stores, Darling Island (time extended); supplying and fixing a book indicator at the lending branch of the Free Public Library; sanitary improvements at post-office, Williamstreet; general repairs and painting to military buildings at Signal Hill and Smith's Hill, Wollongong; construction of rubble wall at penitentiary and female prison, Long Bay (fresh tenders); spanning pools for trout, Jenolan.

To close Monday, April 23.—Bridge over Bunderwalla Creek (Grey's bridge, road Nangarow Valley, via Woodhill, to Berry); construction of a wharf and approaches at Wauchope, Hastings River; bridge over Mittagong Creek, road Bowral to Berrima; erection of station master on the Barren Junction to Collarendebri extension (Narribri to Walgett and Collarendebri railway); laying on gas, improvements, etc., Parliament House; new residency, Public school, Nelson's Plains; construction of rifle range, Tumut; improvements, repairs etc., Technological Museum, Ultimo; wrought iron gates to van docks, etc., Central Railway Station.

To close Monday, April 30.—Completion of the unfinished portion of the contract for construction of road from Bogan Gate to Trundle (fresh tenders); improvements, Public school, Marrickville West; improvements, Public school, Ryde; wantlet, etc., rifle range, Casino; construction of rifle range, Lismore.

To close Monday, May 7.—Bridge over Dingo Creek at Bellbourne, road Wingham to Nowendoc; two lowlevel bridge over Boorie Creek, road Kempsey to Nimbin; three suburbs low-level sewerage, lower Long Cove pumping station, No. 21; erection of new buildings in Martin-place for the senate of the Sydney University.

To close Monday, May 14.—Merewether submain and reticulation, Newcastle sewerage.

BY WATER AND SEWERAGE BOARD.

To close April 18.—Annual supplies.—Alternative tenders for one or two years' supply of the undermentioned stores:—Electrical goods, ironmongery, lubricants, oilmen's stores, plumbers' goods, brushware, cutlery, metal tablets, four years.

To close April 30.—Construction of 3000 lineal feet of stoneware and castiron pipe sewers in the Borough of Balmain; construction of 3630 lineal feet of stoneware in the Borough of Randwick; construction of 2416 lineal feet of stoneware and castiron pipe sewers in the Borough of Waverley; construction of 1060 lineal feet of stoneware and castiron pipe sewers in the Borough of Marrickville; construction of 1685 lineal feet of stoneware pipes in the boroughs of Leichhardt and Annandale; construction of 1950 lineal feet of stoneware sewers in the Boroughs of Ashfield and Petersham; construction of 1470 lineal feet of stoneware pipe sewers in the Borough of Randwick.

OTHER STATES.

Brisbane.—Supply and fixing of electric motors, Government Printing Office, Brisbane. Tenders close May 4 with the Under-Secretary and Government Architect, Brisbane. Plans, etc., at the office of Mr. A. C. Webb, Vickery's-chambers, Pitt-street, Sydney.

Re-wiring (for electric light), Parliament House, Brisbane. Tenders close April 27 with Mr. A. C. F. Webb, Vickery's-chambers, Sydney. Plans also with the Government Architect, Brisbane.

TUGBOAT DESTROYED BY FIRE.

FAILFORD, Monday.

The Forster, a tugboat belonging to Mr. John Breckenridge, of Failford, was totally destroyed by fire on Sunday morning. The hull was gutted and the engine twisted out of shape. The vessel was not insured.

R.M.S. SIERRA AT AUCKLAND.

AUCKLAND, Monday.

The R.M.S. Sierra arrived to-day, with the following passengers:—For Sydney—Mesdames Tudor, F. Heppell, Hartmann, A. C. Crocker, Kate Peck, Mary Danes, Mildred Smith, the Misses M. Yeomans, Barlow, A. McGraith, C. Kelly, Mears. A. Kelly, Mears. A. Logie, R. Tudor, W. J. Colville, H. L. Friend, D. A. Hodge, E. Larsen, Walter Kennedy, G. Brown, A. R. Peck, Hugo Wark, C. Cocks, F. Boden, W. R. Thornwell, Edwards, R. Gerschell, W. G. Sawyer, T. Rhodes, M. Shannahan, R. R. Gardiner, W. Rose, J. J. Robb, R. McGrath, and Master Barlow.

LAW NOTICES.

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 18.

SUPREME COURT.

Before the Deputy Registrar in Equity.—At 11 a.m.: Moore v Lean, to tax costs. At 2 p.m.: Re Ellen Hudson and Conveyancing Act, to settle minutes of order.

Before the Registrar in Bankruptcy.—At 11 a.m.: Stocker v Mellor, same v Parkinson, same v Tween and others, same v Brodie.

Before the Registrar in No. 2 Court, at 10 a.m.—Moore v Fatta Deen and another, Quist v Bingstad. Note.—The list will be called over punctually at 10 a.m.

Before the Registrar in No. 3 Court, at 10 a.m.—Booker v Mellor, same v Parkinson, same v Tween and others, same v Brodie.

SYDNEY QUARTER SESSIONS.

George James Dellar Eden, breaking and entering and stealing in a dwelling; Noto Lodovici, uttering counterfeit coin; John Kitty, assault with intent; Harold Gunning and Peter Mitchell, horse stealing; Sydney Brown, stealing in a dwelling; Lillie Ford, stealing in a dwelling.

ABSTRACT OF SALES BY AUCTION THIS DAY.

FURNITURE AND MERCHANDISE.

FRASER, UTHER, and CO.—On the Premises, 610 George-street, at 3, Fixtures, Fittings, Counters, Mirrors, Desks, etc.

H. LEVY.—At 33 Cleveland-street, at 2, Clothing, Boots, Furniture, Jewellery, etc.

MIDDLETON and CO.—At 199 George-street West, at 2.30, Clothing, Blankets, Furniture, etc.

V. H. KELSON.—At the Saleroom, at 11 and 2, Piano, Furniture, Linoleums, Carpets, Glassware, etc.

BARNARD and CO.—At 140 Castlereagh-street, at 11, Furniture, Linoleums, Carpets, Cutlery, Glassware, Tea, etc.

J. T. JONES.—At 8 Sterling-street, Redfern, at 10, Furniture, etc.

HORSES, VEHICLES, AND HARNESS.

W. INGLIS and SON.—At T. Payten's Newmarket Stables, Randwick, at 2, Thoroughbred Yearlings.

EXHIBITION STOCK SALES.

W. INGLIS and SON.—On the Show Grounds, at 9.30, Cattle and Pigs; at 10.30, Horses.

PITT, SON, and BADGERY.—On the Show Grounds, at 10.30, Horses.

BURNS AND SCALDS.

Even the slightest burn or scald will raise a blister, and often lead to a painful and chronic sore. Instantly after a burn, apply Chamberlain's Pain Balm, which will relieve the pain, and in most cases prevent the formation of a blister or sore. No ordinary accident is so likely to lead to dangerous results as a burn or scald, and if Chamberlain's Pain Balm was good for nothing else, it would still be a remedy that no household should ever be without.—Advt.

LIVER TROUBLE.

COMPLETELY PROSTRATED.

PRONOUNCED INCURABLE BY DOCTORS.

A SYDNEY LADY'S REMARKABLE RECOVERY.

A disordered liver, if not attended to, very often brings in its train serious results. The stomach, the digestive organs, and the kidneys, become lax in their duties. Pimples and blotches appear, and the complexion generally assumes a nasty, sallow tint. All the symptoms of liver disorder are too numerous to mention, but the most common are pains in the back, difficulty in breathing, a general feeling of depression and discontent, and loss of appetite. A disordered liver needs to be corrected in a natural and easy manner, and not by taking strong purgatives, mineral salts, and other injurious preparations. The finest natural vegetable remedy known to medical science in this century is Bile Beans. They cure all disorders of the liver quite easily and naturally. They also cure permanently by righting first causes; and for this reason there is absolutely nothing else that is "just as good."

"Four years! Why it only seems like four weeks since I have been able to enjoy life as one should do," says Mrs. E. Holder, of Bryant-street, Rockdale, Sydney. "About ten years back was the time I first became aware there was something not quite right with me. I had slight pains at intervals of one to three days, in my neck, down my back, and across my chest. At first these pains were very slight, but as time wore on they became more severe and more constant, till, at last, I was never free from them. My eyes also became sore, my sight bad—in fact, I have lost it altogether at times—but the greatest burden for me to bear was when my neck and behind my ears became one mass of rising sores. At that time I thought I was disfigured for life. Then, again, I was beset with long spells of retching, vomiting a most disagreeable greenish substance. My housework became gradually harder for me to perform, till, at last, I had to give it up altogether, having to take to my bed for weeks together. I remember, not once, but several times after taking a run into Sydney, on my arrival at the Rockdale Station, having to rest myself for some time on the first station seat I could drag myself to, and then, after all, have to get one of my neighbours or some friend, to help me home. You will, of course, understand I was not undergoing all this pain and annoyance without trying to abate it. I called in doctors, and they, one and all, told me I was suffering from some liver ailment which was chronic and incurable. I have also given several advertised medicines a fair trial, but received no satisfactory results. It is five years since I first became aware of Bile Beans, the most wonderful medicine procurable. It took about twelve boxes in all to effect a perfect cure, but what of that? If it had taken three times twelve boxes the cure would have been cheap. People who used to laugh at my perseverance are, to-day, astonished at the wonderful change Bile Beans have wrought for me. Everything is a pleasure to me now, that, at one time, was a burden. I always keep them in the house, as I find them admirably suited for children's ailments as well as for adults."

BILE BEANS have a world-wide reputation as a proved cure for BILIOUSNESS, HEADACHE, INDIGESTION, STOMACH TROUBLES, CONSTIPATION, PILES, DEBILITY, FEMALE WEAKNESSES, NERVOUSNESS, BAD BLOOD, PIMPLES, and all SKIN ERUPTIONS. BAD BREATH, ANÆMIA, DISTURBED SLEEP, LOSS OF APPETITE, RHEUMATISM, and, in fact, all ailments that owe their origin to defective bile flow, assimilation, or digestion. Obtainable generally at 1s 1½d, or 2s 9d large box (sometimes three times the 1s 1½d size).

ONE BEAN—ONE DOSE.

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TO THE EDITOR OF THE HERALD.

Sir,—In Mr. Brownhill's letter to the "Herald" on the "New coat of arms" occurs the following:—". . . A British lion, which I believe is done to symbolise our origin;" and in "Gyron's" . . . if our British ancestral descent was to be recorded . . .

Personally, while sympathising with those who cherish an affection for the familiar Australian device, with its funny emu and obese, curly-tailed kangaroo,

FUNERALS.

THE Funeral of the Rev. HENRY THOMAS ROBJOHNS, M.A., will leave his late residence, 68 Wigram-road, Glebe Point, THIS (Tuesday) MORNING, at 8 a.m., for Waverley Cemetery.

CAMERON.—The Friends of Mr. and Mrs. ALLAN CAMERON are respectfully invited to attend the Funeral of their dearly loved SON, Allan Angus; to leave their residence, Rose and Crown Hotel, William-street, city, THIS AFTERNOON, at 1.30, for the Necropolis.

COFFILL and COMPANY, Funeral Directors.

SULLIVAN.—The Friends of Mrs. SUSAN SULLIVAN (late of Princes-street) are kindly invited to attend the Funeral of her late beloved DAUGHTER, Theresa Sullivan to leave 7 Redfern-street, Redfern, THIS DAY, at 1.30, for R.C. Cemetery, Rookwood. P. BYRNES and CO., Undertakers, 185 George-st West.

SULLIVAN.—The Friends of Messrs. ARTHUR, ALFRED, and JAMES SULLIVAN are kindly invited to attend the Funeral of their late beloved SISTER, Theresa Sullivan; to leave 7 Redfern-street, Redfern, THIS DAY, at 1.30, for R.C. Cemetery, Rookwood. P. BYRNES and CO., Undertakers, George-street West.

NICKELSON.—The Friends of the late Mr. GEORGE A. NICKELSON, painter, are kindly invited to attend his Funeral; to leave St. Vincent's Hospital, Darlinghurst, THIS (Tuesday) AFTERNOON, at 1.30, for the Presbyterian Cemetery, Rookwood. THOS. DIXON, Undertaker, 29 Oxford-st, Hyde Park.

TUMBRELL.—The Friends of the late Mrs. MARY TIMBRELL, of Carmel, Woodlands-road, Ashfield, are kindly invited to attend her Funeral which will leave St. Vincent's Church, Ashfield, THIS DAY, at 2.15 p.m., for Ashfield Station, thence R.C. Cemetery, Rookwood. Friends, please leave by funeral train 2.22.

TIMBRELL.—The Friends of Mr. and Mrs. JOHN J. DONNELLON are kindly invited to attend the Funeral of their late beloved MOTHER, Mary Timbrell, which will leave St. Vincent's Ch., Ashfield, THIS DAY, at 2.15 p.m., for Ashfield Stn., thence R.C. Cem., Rookwood. J. BRAUER, Undertaker, Morris-street, Summer Hill.

TIMBRELL.—The Friends of Mr. JAMES FOLEY are kindly invited to attend the Funeral of his late beloved MOTHER-IN-LAW, Mary Timbrell which will leave St. Vincent's Church, Ashfield, THIS DAY, at 2.15 p.m., for Ashfield Station, thence to R.C. Cemetery, Rookwood. J. BRAUER, Undertaker, Summer Hill.

TUMBRELL.—The Friends of MICHAEL, DANIEL, and PATRICK TEAHAN are kindly invited to attend the Funeral of their late beloved SISTER-IN-LAW, Mary Timbrell, which will leave st. Vincent's Church, Ashfield, THIS DAY, at 2.15 p.m., for Ashfield Station, thence R.C. Cemetery, Rookwood.

TUMBRELL.—The Friends of JOHN and HANNAH BROSNAN, Mrs. FOLEY, and Mrs. GEGAN are kindly invited to attend the Funeral of their late beloved AUNT, Mary Timbrell, which will leave St. Vincent's Church, Ashfield, THIS DAY, at 2.15 p.m., for Ashfield Station, thence R.C. Cemetery, Rookwood.

TUMBRELL.—The Friends of MARTIN O'CONNOR and Mrs. JOSEPH CLIMPSON are kindly invited to attend the Funeral of their late beloved AUNT, Mary Timbrell, which will leave St. Vincent's Church, THIS DAY, at 2.15 p.m., for R.C. Cemetery Rookwood, via Ashfield Station. Friends leave by funeral train 2.22 from Sydney. J. BRAUER, Undertaker, Morris-street, Summer Hill.

HEBBLEWHITE.—The Funeral of the late Mr. CHARLES WILLIAM HEBBLEWHITE will leave Sydney Railway Station at 2.15 o'clock THIS (Tuesday) AFTERNOON, for Waverley Cemetery.

J. T. HUXLEY, Undertaker, etc, Penrith.

JOHNSON.—The Friends of Mr. JOHN JOHNSON and FAMILY are respectfully invited to attend the Funeral of their late dearly loved HUSBAND and FATHER; to leave his late residence, 112 Forbes-street, Woolloomooloo, THIS DAY, at 3.30, for the Waverley Cemetery.

COFFILL and COMPANY, Sydney and Suburbs.

ANDERSON.—The Friends of Mr. SYDNEY ANDERSON are respectfully invited to attend the Funeral of his late dearly loved WIFE, Beatrice E. V.; to leave his residence, 67 Ultimo-road, Ultimo, THIS AFTERNOON, at 2.30, for the Waverley Cemetery.

COFFILL and COMPANY, Undertakers and Embalmers.

ANDERSON.—The Friends of Mr. JOHN O'CONNOR are respectfully invited to attend the Funeral of his late dearly loved DAUGHTER, Beatrice; to leave her late residence, 67 Ultimo-road, Ultimo, THIS AFTERNOON, at 2.30, for the Waverley Cemetery.

COFFILL and COMPANY, Main Depot Harris-street.

ANDERSON.—The Friends of Mr. and Mrs. CHARLES O'CONNOR are respectfully invited to attend the Funeral of their late dearly loved SISTER, Beatrice; to leave her late residence, 67 Ultimo-road, Ultimo, THIS AFTERNOON, at 2.30, for the Waverley Cemetery.

COFFILL and COMPANY.

ANDERSON.—The Friends of Mr. WILLIAM O'CONNOR are respectfully invited to attend the Funeral of his late dearly loved SISTER, Beatrice; to leave her late residence, 67 Ultimo-road, Ultimo, THIS AFTERNOON, at 2.30, for the Waverley Cemetery.

COFFILL and COMPANY.

ANDERSON.—The Friends of Mr. and Mrs. JOHN O'CONNOR are respectfully invited to attend the Funeral of their late dearly loved SISTER, Beatrice; to leave her late residence, 67 Ultimo-road, Ultimo, THIS AFTERNOON, at 2.30, for the Waverley Cemetery.

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ANDERSON.—The Friends of Mr. and Mrs. CORRIGAN are respectfully invited to attend the Funeral of their late dearly loved SISTER, Beatrice; to leave her late residence, 67 Ultimo-road, Ultimo, THIS AFTERNOON, at 2.30, for the Waverley Cemetery.

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SCOTT.—The Funeral of the deceased Mrs. MARY SCOTT will move from her residence, 401 Crown-street, Surry Hills, TO-MORROW (Wednesday) MORNING, at 8.30, for the Necropolis.

By request, no flowers.

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EDWARD.—The Friends of Mr. THOMAS EDWARD are kindly invited to attend the Funeral of his late beloved WIFE, Margaret Ann, which will leave his residence, No. 10 Ennis-street, Balmain, TO-MORROW (Wednesday) AFTERNOON, at 1 o'clock, for the Roman Catholic Cemetery, Necropolis.

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THE Friends of Mrs. N. HOGAN are requested to attend the Funeral of her dearly beloved SON, William; to move from his late residence, 3 Darghan-street, Glebe, on WEDNESDAY AFTERNOON, at 1.30, for the Rookwood Cemetery.

THE Friends of Mr. and Mrs. E. CUMMINGS are requested to attend the Funeral of their dearly beloved BROTHER, William Hogan; to move from his late residence, 3 Darghan-street, Glebe, on WEDNESDAY AFTERNOON, at 1.30, for the Rookwood Cemetery.

MCKAY.—The Friends of Mr. TIMOTHY McKAY are kindly invited to attend the Funeral of his late beloved WIFE, Louisa; to move from Carltonville, Campbell-street, Newtown, TO-MORROW, WEDNESDAY, at 1.45 p.m., for Rookwood Cemetery, via Newtown Station.

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COLLINS.—The Friends of Mrs. MARGARET and Mr. PHIL. SULLIVAN are respectfully invited to attend the Funeral of their late dearly loved NEPHEW and GRANDMOTHER, William (late of Kensington-street); to leave their residence, 51 Regent-street, city, TO-MORROW (Wednesday) AFTERNOON, at 2 o'clock, for the Necropolis.

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MEETINGS.

THE PEOPLE'S REFORM LEAGUE OF NEW SOUTH WALES.

Central Office, 12 and 14 O'Connell-street.

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING.

PRESIDENT'S ADDRESS, WEDNESDAY, 18th inst., 4 p.m., at the Office of the League, to be continued at

ST. JAMES'S HALL, PHILLIP-STREET, at 8 p.m., when an Address will be delivered by Col. BELL on "DEMOCRACY v. SOCIALISM."

FRIDAY, 20th inst., at 8 p.m. SMOKE CONCERT, AARONS' EXCHANGE HOTEL. Welcome to Country Visitors.

JOHN STINSON, President. J. H. FORREST, Secretary.

Country Visitors, Members, and their Friends are cordially invited.

GRAND UNITED ORDER OF ODDFELLOWS.

THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING of the above Society will be held in the Oddfellows' Hall, 329 Castlereagh-street, THIS DAY, at 9.30 a.m.

W. J. CRANE, G.M. H. HERRON, G.S.

L.O.L., No. 50.—To-night, St. David's Hall, Arthur-st, Surry Hills, 8 p.m. Visitors invited.

SUMMER RESORTS.

BLUE MTNS.—Accom. for a few visitors, lovely view, opp. station. Apply A. W. T., Medlow Bath.

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LURA.—Vacancies at Hartstone. Mrs. J. Knight, Tel., 97 E.

WOY WOY.—Waterside Furnished Cottages, 17s 6d, 20s, 25s, 30s, 35s. Apply L. Phegan, Woy Woy.

LOWES TWO BIG STORES, George-street, opp. Markets, and Oxford-street, Hyde Park, where things will boom all this week. Trousers given away with every suit to order.

VISITORS TO SYDNEY are invited to inspect the EASTER SHOW in all Departments at E. WAY and COMPANY'S, IN PITT-STREET.

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VISITORS TO SYDNEY.—Every day in the week we are opening New Shipments of these Lovely and Fashionable Fabrics; therefore we are able to place before you the Finest and Largest Collection to be seen in the city. See our Window Today. All the Latest Designs and Textures to be seen in endless variety. PRICES: 1s 3½d, 1s 4½d, 1s 6d, 1s 9d, to 2s 11d yard.

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VISITORS TO SYDNEY,— American Coats, in Coloured Cloth, nicely trimmed Velvet, Fur, etc. PRICES: 6s 11d, 7s 11d, 8s 11d, to 14s 6d. American Coats, in Cream Buffalo, Hopsac, and Fancy Materials, prettily trimmed. PRICES: 8s 11d, 10s 6d, 12s 6d, 14s 6d, to 16s 6d. Children's Cardinal Reefer Coats. PRICES: 8s 6d, 9s 6d, 10s 6d.

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Empire Coats, in pretty Tweed Effects. PRICES: 15s 6d, 17s 6d, 19s 6d, 21s, to 50s. Model Empire Coats, in pretty soft shades of Faced Cloths. PRICES: 35s, 42s, 49s 6d, to 5gns. Ladies' Smart Coats, Smart Shapes. PRICES: 10s 6d, 12s 11d, 14s 9d, 16s 6d, 18s 6d, to 39s 6d. Ladies' Caracul Coats, new Russian and Sarque Shapes. PRICES: 19s 6d, 21s, 24s 6d, 29s 6d, 35s 6d, to 4 guineas. Ladies' Black Silk and Velvet Coats, very nobby styles. PRICES: 42s, 45s, 50s, 55s, 63s, to 9 guineas. Ladies' Black Silk Mantles, trimmed Fur, Feather, Jet, Wonderful Value. PRICES: 21s, 25s, 29s 6d, 35s, 42s, to 6 guineas. Ladies' Black Faced Cloth Mantles, effectively trimmed. PRICES: 11s 6d, 13s 6d, 15s 6d, 17s 6d, 21s, to 42s. STYLISH INVERNESS CAPES, in pretty Tweed Effects, also in Faced Cloths. PRICES: 21s, 23s 6d, 29s 6d, 35s 6d, to 65s.

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AUCTION Sale of Pure-b. Pitty., also Gold, Sil., Eng. Pheas. Ellis and Co., 'a, To-morrow, Wed., 1-past 1.

PUG Puppy Dog, pure-bred pedigree, moderate price. Marmora, Spruson-st, near P.O., Neutral Bay.

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